



District Leader

Biographical Information

Candidate's Name: **John Murray**

Candidate's Office: **Program Quality Director** District Number: **52**

Toastmasters member since: **2009**

Education:

83 Education Awards including 4 Distinguished Toastmaster awards.

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

All Club Officer roles multiple times in multiple clubs. 70 total. District 52 Chief Judge 2014 - 2015, 2015 - 2016.
Area Governor 2013-2014
Division Director 2016-2017
Club Growth Director 2019-2020
Finance Manager 2020-2021
Club Extension Chair 2021-2022, 2022-2023

Toastmasters honors and recognition:

District 52 Toastmaster of the Year 2022-2023
Northridge Grumman AW, Sponsor, Jun. 21, 2023, Northridge Grumman AW, Mentor, Dec. 21, 2023, SRAR
Toastmasters, Mentor, Dec. 30, 2023, Toastmasters for Mental Health Professionals, Mentor, Feb. 16, 2014, Valley Stars
Toastmasters, Mentor, Aug. 26, 2016, Agoura Articulates, Mentor, Jul. 12, 2016, NAHREP SFSC, Sponsor, Dec. 16, 2013
LA Tech Toastmasters, Sponsor, Sep. 9, 2020

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

Real Estate Broker for 20 years.
HOA Board Member for 22 years, including 15 years as President.
Extensive Toastmasters leadership roles.

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

My profession as a Real Estate Broker requires annual planning for the upcoming year in the form of a Business Success Plan. As an HOA President, I must map out multi-year strategies in order to ensure our upcoming projects are properly planned and funded.

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

I have served as Chief Financial Officer for a business I co-founded, served as District 52 Finance Manager 2020-2021, created and overseen annual HOA budgets for 22 years and served as Club Treasurer.

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

I have created procedures in my profession as a Real Estate Broker. Each real estate transaction requires not only sales expertise but project management skills. I have developed procedures as a Club Officer in Toastmasters whether it is through the annual creation of the Club Success Plan or issues that arise during the course of the year. As an HOA board member for 22 years, including 15 years as President, I have created many procedures for the smooth running of an HOA.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

I strongly believe in team building in leadership and I have found that to be very successful. In a volunteer organization, you must be certain to treat every team member with respect. There are no financial incentives, there is only the enjoyment of working together to accomplish a mutually desired outcome. Volunteers can leave at any time, for any reason so it's imperative to create a

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

Joining Toastmasters has been one of the greatest experiences of my life. The more I have given to this organization and its members, the greater personal growth I have achieved. I enjoy seeing the development of our members into better leaders and communicators.

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

The District's mission is: We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence. In other words, we start new clubs and help all clubs become Distinguished. As Program Quality Director, my focus is to support all clubs in becoming Distinguished. That can be accomplished through club officer training, club support, incentives and recognition of

Additional information about yourself:

Real Estate Broker for 20 years. HOA Board Member for 22 years, including 15 years as President.