District Leader

Biographical Information

Candidate's Name: William Tappin

Candidate's Office: Division Director

District Number: 52

Toastmasters member since: 7/1/2017

Education:

University of Phoenix: Master of Business Administration - Major in Technology Management
University of Phoenix: Bachelor of Science - Major in Information Systems
Project Management Institute: Project Management Professional (PMP) Licensed
Computer Learning Center: Diploma in Computer Systems and Programming
AAA Institute: Project Management and Business Processes

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

District 52 Area C30 Director (2020-2021)
President Storytellers Toastmasters (2020-2021)
Secretary Storytellers Toastmasters(2019-2020)
Vice President of Membership Storytellers Toastmasters (2019-2020)
President Health Net Toastmasters (2018-2020)
Treasurer Health Net Toastmasters (2020-2021)
Vice President of Education Storytellers Toastmasters (2021-2022)

Toastmasters honors and recognition:

Competent Communicator
Dynamic Leadership Level 5
Motivational Strategies Level 3

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

My work experience as a Data Analyst and in Information Technology has been in alignment with Toastmaster's leadership and education programs. For example, both emphasize and promote strong leadership, communication, change management, and strategic management skills.

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

Managed and executed several multimillion dollar projects at Blue Shield of California with regard to information technology and systems.

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

Former Senior Tax Accountant, Senior Accountant, and Supervisor of Accounts Payables with a Financial Institution

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

Developing procedures have been an essential part of my work experience over the past 28 years. For example, as a Software Developer it was essential to create procedures for users to use my software applications once they are tested, completed a quality control process, and released to the specific users/population.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

Leadership is about communication, patience, listening, team work, mentoring, coaching, continuous improvement, and managing change.

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

To utilize my leadership experience and education, recognize and help others grow, improve my leadership skills, support the District's mission and objectives. I feel I will be a great asset to the District.

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

I strongly support the District's mission of building new clubs and supporting every club towards excellence. As an active Area Director, I personally observed and recognized the need to fulfill this mission. I believe the District's involvement is a critical success factor to both the District and the clubs it serves.

Additional information about yourself:

Outstanding customer skills, excellent organization skills, communication and analytical skills, and strong time management skills.

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