

DISTRICT LEADER BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



Candidate's Name: **Darren Ng**

Candidate's Office: **Program Quality Director** District Number: **100**

Toastmasters member since: **2006**

Education:

**MSCE
BSE**

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

**D100 Division A Director: 2020-2021
D100 Area A4 Director: 2019-2020
Various club offices including President and VPE**

Toastmasters honors and recognition:

**Past D52 International Speech Contest 2nd Place
Past D52 Division Speech Contest Champion
Past D52 Area Speech Contest Champion
ACG, CL, DL4**

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

**My professional career allows me to manage an elite group of engineers which often have to make choices that would affect millions of Internet users. It is often a complex but rewarding job as my daily decisions directly translates to a higher quality of experience for our users.
I work with my team to ensure that everyone has a voice in achieving our common goals and that their opinions are heard. However, as a leader, I recognize when a call needs to be made.**

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

In my career, I often work with others to plan the future roadmap for our division.

As current Division A director, I often have to strategize with my team on club quality and growth so we can improve our division's member experience.

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

My experience in finance involves team budgeting and working with Finance on COGs (Cost of goods sold). I am not a financial guru although I can hold my own with Excel.

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

In my work, I developed processes and procedures for my team to follow in regards to code check ins, interactions with Finance, and how to properly document your work. I'm often trying to figure out if we can do things better and more easily.
As current Division A director, I worked with my team to develop a template for officer inductions and a procedure to fill out an Area Directors report.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

- 1) Don't be an absentee leader
- 2) Treat everyone you interact with with respect (at least initially :))
- 3) Listen more, talk less
- 4) Lead like those who inspired you
- 5) Everyone is going through their own challenges in life.
- 6) At the end of the day, no matter how much we achieve, it's the personal connections that are worth the most.

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

I want to continue giving back to Toastmasters and my district. I feel there is a lot to learn for the experience and I enjoying working with the leaders of D100.

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

To serve our members so that they may achieve their goals in becoming a better version of themselves.

Additional information about yourself:

I have 5 backyard chickens that are no longer laying eggs. What should I do with them and don't tell me soup!