



## District Leader

### Biographical Information

Candidate's Name: **David R. Veights**

Candidate's Office: **Program Quality Director**

District Number: **60**

Toastmasters member since: **June 1, 2003**

Education:

**Master of Public Administration  
Bachelor of Science, Regional Planning  
Diploma, High School**

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

**Club Growth Director, 2022-2023 and 2020-2021  
Administration Manager, 2021-2021 and 2007-2008 (as District Secretary)  
Logistics Manager, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017  
District Governor, 2008-2009                      Area Governor, 2006-2007**

Toastmasters honors and recognition:

**Distinguished Toastmaster, 2018  
Distinguished Toastmaster, 2015  
Distinguished Toastmaster, 2012**

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

**I am multi-disciplined urban planner with international experience with professional certifications in City Planning and Project Management. I am trained to look at situations, issues and risks and prepare alternatives strategies designed to address such situations, issues and risks, looking at effectiveness, efficiency and equity as key considerations in decision making.**

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

**I have experience in preparing strategic plans for large public sector organizations using the model promoted by John Bryson - Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (also known as SWOT analysis). I also have experience in developing more tactical Business Plans that are designed to achieve the vision, mission and aspirations that result from the SWOT analysis.**

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

**As a Project Manager, I am develop budgets to guide the financial performance of the project and to maintain good relations with the client. I also have experience in finance, looking at alternative financial strategies, in support of major investment decisions related to new transportation facilities. I have also served as Chair of a not-for-profit organization with an eye on financial performance.**

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

In Project Management, we develop protocols and procedures in order to carry out the intended work. The procedures must have a clear objective, followed by a clear point to begin the work, clear steps that must be completed. Measurement of performance is required if we want to know if our procedures are meeting our intended results.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

I have learned that leadership is not easy. It really takes a humble disposition to be a leader. A leader must also realize when to be firm and when to be flexible - something that is not easy, and during times when the information in front of the leader does not clearly indicate which direction is more desirable.

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

I have been able to grow personally and professionally as a result of Toastmasters. I have found that I have talents and abilities that I may have never known without the benefit of Toastmasters. I want to share my experience and see others grow and develop their own talents and abilities.

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

The major objective of District 60 should be supporting its members achieve their goals and desires of being a Toastmaster, providing as much mentorship as it can. The Toastmasters program can feel daunting at times - with proper support, members will be able to advance through the program.

Additional information about yourself:

I love to enjoy life, no matter what life throws my way. My objective in forming a team, in addition to carry out a task, is to provide the environment to have fun and promote learning. Life is short, my free time is even shorter, so being able to enjoy what I do makes the effort more worthwhile.