



District Leader

Biographical Information

Candidate's Name: **Shoba Rao**

Candidate's Office: **Program Quality Director** District Number: **101**

Toastmasters member since: **2011**

Education:

DTM, Path Motivational Strategy- L1 to L5, Path Engaging Humor - L1 to L4, Path Effective Coaching - L1 to L4

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

Club President - Jan1 - Dec 31, 2022
Club President - Jan- Apr 2014
Club VPE - Jul-Dec, 2013
Area Director - Jul1,2018 - Jun30,2019
Division Director - Jul1,2019 - Jun30,2020

Toastmasters honors and recognition:

Division Online Ovation Silver Award,Jun. 30, 2020
Division Membership Payment Silver Award,Jun. 30, 2020

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

Leader at work from 2010- in the role of Director , managing teams across continents.
I consider Toastmasters leadership as one of service which slightly differs from work where it is more of authority interlaced with some amount of service. Being a district leader in Toastmasters has taught me how to deal with conflict resolutions, motivating others and inspiring through

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

My role at work involves strategic planning for manufacturing needs of the company.

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

Budgeting for various needs at work. Working with vendors and negotiating deals.

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

Ample experience at work in the past 27 years, developing procedures for various departments in my capacity as a Director.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

**Be a smart leader with good emotional quotient
Lead by example
Lead from behind
Work diligently with the clubs for success**

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

I want to serve as PQR to serve the clubs and its members better while at the same time, stretching my leadership goals as well. I want to be able to stretch what I achieved as Division Director to the District level. Since I appreciate Quality in whatever I do, hoping to impart and inculcate the same to our clubs through various events.

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

As stated by Toastmasters, the District's objectives would be to build new clubs and support all the clubs. I think if we can build new leaders within clubs, thereby bringing new initiatives and ideas, it would help improve quality of the meetings within clubs and bring in new members. With increase in leaders, we would be able to build new clubs too.

Additional information about yourself:

**Semiconductor Veteran with 27 years experience
Author
Budding Artist**