



# District Leader

## Biographical Information

Candidate's Name: **Kishor Kunal**

Candidate's Office: **Division Director** District Number: **101**

Toastmasters member since: **July 01, 2021**

Education:

**Toastmaster - Presentation Mastery , L4**  
**Personal- PhD, Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Minnesota,**

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

**District 101: Area Director, Jul. 01, 2023 to Jun. 30, 2024**  
**NVIDIA International Toastmasters: Club Secretary , Jan. 01, 2023 to Jun. 30, 2023**  
**NVIDIA International Toastmasters: Club VP Education , Jul. 01, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2022**

Toastmasters honors and recognition:

**Volunteered at multiple International speech and evaluation contests in different roles such as toastmaster, test speaker, judge, and other functionary roles.**

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

**My diverse range of roles, my current leadership position, research projects during my PhD, my tenure as a Director of Grants at the Council of Graduate Studies (COGS), my leadership positions within Toastmasters clubs, my Area director role at Toastmaster, has uniquely equipped me with skill sets that directly correlates with my role as a District Leader. These roles have enhanced my ability to mentor, event management, strategic planning and collaboration.**

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

**Strategic planning is needed everywhere. Some strategic planning examples which I have applied in my projects are SMART goals, streamline and automate procedures, SWOT analysis, and project management. These learnings can easily be transferred to District leadership roles at Toastmasters.**

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

**During my tenure as the Director of Grants at the Council of Graduate Studies (COGS) at the University of Minnesota, I was responsible for managing graduate research support grants. This role required me to oversee the allocation of financial resources, ensure compliance with funding guidelines, and track expenditures to ensure they were within budgetary constraints. I collaborated closely with financial officers and stakeholders to develop budgets, monitor spending, and prepare financial reports.**

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

Procedures are essential to guide project execution and facilitate team collaboration. If you are working as team, without procedures you are in a boat race where each member is rowing in their own way.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

Serving as an Area Director in Toastmasters has been a profound learning experience that has enriched my understanding of leadership, communication, and organizational dynamics. One of the most valuable lessons I learned is the importance of empathy and support in leadership. I realized that each club and its members have unique challenges and aspirations, and it's essential to listen attentively, understand their needs, and provide meaningful support and guidance tailored to their specific circumstances.

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

I am passionate about empowering others through my skills and experiences. I believe in the transformative power of toastmaster to improve effective communication and leadership skills. Throughout my own journey in Toastmasters, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact. At toastmaster my passion has found wings, as Area director I helped clubs to improve and I am excited to embrace the bigger challenges and opportunities that come with the Division director role.

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

I believe the District mission's major objectives revolve around fostering a supportive environment where members can develop their communication and leadership skills, ultimately empowering them to achieve personal and professional growth. To achieve these objectives, I would focus on the following strategies:

1. Member engagement
2. Quality club experience
3. Educational excellence
3. Community outreach

Additional information about yourself:

I am open to take a challenge and learn new things which can help me become a better person.