



District Leader

Biographical Information

Candidate's Name: **Debbie Rowden**

Candidate's Office: **Division U Director** District Number: **16**

Toastmasters member since: **October 1, 2017**

Education:

Bachelor's Degree in Accounting
CPA, certificate #19174
See attached Toastmaster's education awards list

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

See attached officer positions list

Toastmasters honors and recognition:

N/A

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

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What experience do you have in strategic planning?

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What experience do you have in the area of finance?

I've been in the accounting field for 25 years. I've served my club Treasurer.

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

In my career, I regularly write training plans for my staff as we create positions and have turnover.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

Not everyone does things the same way, and the goals can still be accomplished. Adjusting from a manager to a manager of managers, it did take me some time to learn how much to assist and how much to get out of the way. I love sharing my thought process on how I come up with resolutions so that people can learn to make decisions, and maybe better ones than I would have, for themselves. Communication and appreciation are key tools.

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

I want to see Toastmasters thrive in our District because I have gotten a lot out of the program. I want to ensure the program's longevity in my community so that I, and others, can continue to utilize its benefits.

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

Increase membership to ensure we can continue to provide Toastmasters in our community. Ensure we are running quality meetings that serve the members with quality, experiential learning opportunities and support. I would support the clubs in my areas by communicating regularly with my Area Directors. I want to understand how their clubs are doing from their perspective and to support them as they learn what their clubs need. I would gladly attend club meetings with my Area Directors as needed to make sure any struggling clubs are well aware that we care about them and their success. I would meet with my Area Directors to determine if they need additional support and ensure we're communicating any district level goals and announcements clearly.

Additional information about yourself:

I also have experience over the past 5 years serving as the CPE Coordinator, Website Admin, and now VP in another organization, Tulsa Chapter of Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance.

