

## **Division F - Wendii Lord, CC, CL, IP2**

1- What are YOUR top 3 priorities to assure Division F success next year?

*At my home club, Northwest Toastmasters, we read the club mission statement every meeting. "We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth."*

*I'm not keen on re-inventing wheels, and that seems like a pretty good objective. So my priorities would be to help the area directors and the clubs in Division F deliver on the promise of the mission statement, in whichever way seems most effective. I learned as an Area Director that my way isn't the only way, or the even the best way sometimes, and to focus doing what works best :-)*

2- How are you planning to build leadership in the Division and have a strong group in place by the end of the year?

*I'll be honest - I have no idea. However, I firmly believe that if someone has done something before me, I can do it too. I'll be looking for examples and best practices and working out how to implement them as I go. I also think connecting with as many people in Division F as I can will help me find the people with potential!*

3- What training will you be offering in addition to the Club officer training?

*What training would you like? I really enjoy teaching, and I'll be happy to give training on anything I have expertise in, or find someone who does where I don't. Feel free to email me and I'll start a list :-)*

4- How will you ensure all your Area Directors attend the DEC meetings?

*As I said in the candidate showcase, my primary reason for saying yes to this role was so that the Area Directors didn't have the experience I had. Part of that was not knowing what DEC meetings were, when they were, and why they were. So I think sharing that information will be a good start.*

*My other thought on that is to make them fun! If we can make them a positive team-get-together, I think Area Directors will be more willing to attend.*

5- How will you ensure all your Area Directors attend the initial training to meet TI requirements so the District will receive recognition of its achievements?

*My answer to this is pretty much the same as the question above. First, the basic knowledge of what we're doing and why. Second, make it useful, interesting and fun.*

6- What do you hope to gain personally by serving the Areas, clubs, and members in your Division for the next twelve months?

*The knowledge that others had a better experience than I did and the satisfaction of a job well done.*

7- What do you think could prevent you from reaching any of your goals as Division Director?

*A million things! As a natural pessimist, I'm very good at thinking up things that might go wrong. I've also had a lot of practice finding solutions to those things. As I read on a bumper sticker once, I've got 100% track record of getting through tough times, and I'm not about to break that streak!*

8- What will be your response time to emails and phone call?

*I generally look at my email once a day, and do the majority of my Toastmasters tasks on a Sunday morning. So if it's not urgent, you might have to wait till Sunday. If you mark it urgent though, I'll answer on the same day. Phone calls are difficult for me to respond to during the work week, but if you leave a voicemail with a question, I can send you an answer by email, or talk to you at the weekend. And hey, I've never done this before, so I'm guessing. I'll be doing my best.*