

District 55 Nominating Committee
Candidate Statements for 2013-2014 District Officer Nominees

Nominees

Division F - Rikkita Hughes, ACB/ALB

Division G - Humberto Vela, ACB/CL

Division H - Michael Joseph, DTM

Division I - Linda Oliver, DTM

Division J - Joe Jarrett, ACB/ALS

Division K - Ken Estes, DTM

Division L - Richard "Dick" Starie, CC/ALB

Division M - Khamphoy Sayavong, ACB

Lieutenant Governor Marketing - Marie-Pier Clarke, ACS/ALB

Lieutenant Governor Education & Training - Crystal Dyer, DTM

District Governor - William D. "Bill" Greenham, DTM

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Division F Governor

Rikkita Hughes, ACB/ALB

Why Do I Qualify to Be Division Governor?

I have served as Secretary, Treasurer and President of my local Audie's Orators Club over the past 4½ years. I am completing my current position as the Area Governor for F-21. I have also volunteered to complete the Division F Governor position for the remainder of this Toastmasters year. I have participated in many Local, Area, Division and District contests in multiple roles. I have received a vast amount of training on the responsibilities of each of these positions and how their roles fit into the big scope of Toastmasters International.



I understand the role of Division Governor, and I believe with my professional leadership skills coupled with my Toastmasters experience, I can lead and support the Division through the management and backing of the Area Governors.

I possess the tenacious ability as a Division Governor to ensure that each club achieves its mission and fulfills its responsibilities to its members.

I believe that serving as an Area Governor and attending District Executive Committee meetings have assisted in building a strong foundation for me to be a Division Governor. This in turn has broadened my skills to coordinate Division activities, set Division goals, and assist in the training of Area and Club leaders.

Last but not least, I qualify to be Division Governor because I “want” to be and not because I “need” to be a Division Governor. I would be honored and humbled to be selected as Division F Governor.

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Division G Governor

Humberto Vela, ACB/CL

Although I am a resident of San Antonio, I am a member of Laredo Toastmasters Club which was my original Toastmaster Club in 1998. I recently rejoined the Laredo Club and was elected to serve as Vice President of Public Relations. I represented Division G in the Fall 2012 Tall Tales Contest and have become familiar with some of the clubs in Division G. I am also a member of San Antonio Toastmasters, a club I joined in 2005. This club has been a President's Distinguished level club since 2006. The club achieved all ten Distinguished Club Program goals for the first time while I served as President of the club in 2007. I have also served as Sergeant at Arms and Vice President Education for San Antonio Toastmasters.



I served as an Area Governor in 2008-2009 and as Division H Governor in 2009-2010. During my tenure as Division H Governor, the Division attained President's Distinguished recognition. I have a unique understanding of the make-up and nature of members and clubs in Division G and I understand the problems faced by the Division as well as the strong points of the membership.

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Division H Governor

Michael Joseph, DTM

A twice DTM, I am a Toastmaster in good standing, a member of three clubs in good standing, and have served as club president with two clubs for more than one term each. I have chaired a District sponsored Toastmasters Leadership Institute, Division and Area Officers training, District speech contest, and have been a presenter at all levels. I am diverse in my knowledge and experience with the Toastmasters program. I have been a member of a Toastmasters club in Chengdu, China where I presented Officer training to clubs in the area.



I am an effective teacher, trainer, and mentor. I am a team builder, a motivator, and a source of inspiration to many Toastmasters. I have sponsored dozens of new, dual, and reinstated members. I am internet savvy and am responsible for two clubs' websites. I have an "I can do this" mindset and encourage others to believe this for themselves.

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Division I Governor

Linda Oliver, DTM

I, Linda Oliver, have been officially nominated as a candidate for Division I Governor.



My qualifications for this position come from my personal experiences, club experiences and the district leadership experiences as outlined below:

Personal Experiences:

- CEO of Families Living Lean, a 501(c)3 company, which offers free Dr. Sears Lean classes live and online to the public since 2009 to the present. Responsibilities involve working with a board, fund raising, teaching and record keeping.
- Advisory board member of Dr. Sears Wellness Institute
- Franchise owner, NSA Juice Plus, since 2003. This is a home-based business which involves goal setting and working with team members to help them achieve their goals.

Club Experiences:

- Member of New Braunfels Toastmasters Club 1722 since November 2006 — Presidents Distinguished for past 9 years
- Served as Secretary, Vice President Education twice, President, Sergeant at Arms, and Vice President Public Relations
- Presently the Webmaster, publisher of newsletters, Club Contest Chair, and am mentoring a member
- Completed High Performance Leadership (HPL) in 2010
- Achieved DTM in 2012
- Member of Talk of the Towers Toastmasters Club # 4601 since July 2012 — President's Distinguished
- Serving as Vice President Education

District Experiences:

- Area I71 Governor 2010-2011, Distinguished Area
- Toastmasters Leadership Institute Secretary Trainer and Secretary/Treasurer trainer
- Coached Boerne Toastmasters 2010-2011, President's Distinguished 2011
- Co-Chaired District 55 Fall Conference 2012

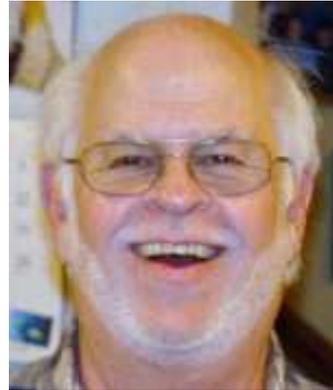
My vision is to achieve Distinguished Division. My Area Governors and I will work out the plans to make it happen. I will do the best I can to use my God-given talents and abilities for the betterment of Toastmasters.

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Division J Governor

Joe Jarrett, ACB/ALS

I have been nominated to the office of District 55 Division J Governor. I believe my background and experience have prepared me for this position.



First, I have been a Toastmaster for more than four years and currently hold the education levels of Advanced Communicator Bronze and Advanced Leader Silver. I have held officer positions in all three clubs where I am a member including Vice President Education, Vice President Public Relations and Sergeant at Arms. At the District level, I have held the offices of Sergeant at Arms and Area Governor. I have been both a new club mentor and a new club sponsor. Currently I am the Vice President Education of DPS Toastmasters Club where I was instrumental in bringing a club that had only 6 members to the Distinguished Club level in just one year.

I believe I bring a lot of management experience to Toastmasters. I spent 35 years in the computer chip industry and during that time, I rose to the level of Director of Applications in a company with \$60 million in sales. While the management of a volunteer organization is very different from that in commercial industry, the problem solving skill requirements are very similar.

I believe my experience as an Area Governor has gone a long way to preparing me for the next step up the ladder in Toastmasters and that I would be an excellent Division J Governor.

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Division K Governor

Ken Estes, DTM

I have been nominated for the position of Division K Governor. I would like to share with you my qualifications and reasons for becoming the next Division K Governor.



First, I have served two terms as Division L Governor in 2005 thru 2007. I also served as Area Governor prior to my terms as Division Governor and had the distinction of serving as Area Governor when the Temple, Belton and Killeen region became part of District 55. When I was in District Office, I attended every District Executive Committee meeting and kept all my clubs and areas aware of events in the District. I actively supported my clubs and members by assisting with contests, training and, above all, mentoring. For the past five years, I have been the District 55 Bookstore manager and have introduced new technologies that have improved the services of the bookstore to the District membership. Other services I have provided to the District are being the District Photographer and providing the excellent coffee at Toastmasters Leadership Institutes and various contests.

Since I am now working from home, I have the time resources which will allow me more flexibility to attend and help with events for the clubs and areas in Division K. I always encourage membership success within my Division. I look forward to serving as Division K Governor.

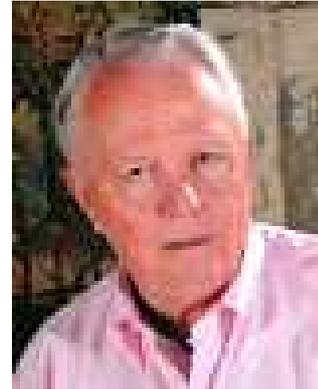
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Division L Governor

Dick Starie, CC/ALB

I am an experienced Toastmaster who has been a Club President and an Area Governor. I am seeking this job to be able to use my 40+ years of management leadership experience to motivate and lead the Division to new heights.

I recognize the need for frequent and accurate communication with the Division's Clubs to maximize growth. Toward that end, I will be holding fairly frequent Division Leadership Council meetings recognizing the need for consistent leadership training. I plan to continue to be very actively involved with the Marketing Team to help found new clubs and to assist clubs in need of support. I will be open to everyone's input and will fully support the Distinguished Club Program.



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Division M Governor

Khamphoy Sayavong, ACB

Leadership, team, and individual..... My deep commitment to each guides me to do whatever it takes to be an effective Division M Governor. I believe my experiences as an Area M33 Governor and my professional career in Human Resources (HR) have prepared me to be qualified to hold this position.



In my current role as Area M33 Governor, I am successful at guiding my clubs to reach their Distinguished Club Program goals. I am a committed leader who has visited each of my clubs twice (if not more) in the first six months in my position. I am a team player who has visited my peer Area M clubs as well. I ensure that my club officers have the tools and resources to be successful in their roles.

My HR professional career has also prepared me for my role as Division M Governor. I have led many project teams and facilitated leadership and individual development and coaching sessions. Many have resulted in promotions and career advancements.

Leadership is guiding each of my clubs to success. This includes member retention, building new clubs, and assisting each club to achieve their Distinguished Club Program goals.

A leader cannot be successful without a dynamic and talented team. I will ensure that my Area M Governors have all the tools, resources, and support they need to be successful in their roles.

Finally, to build future leaders, I am committed to developing each individual member to be a successful leader within each club.

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Lieutenant Governor Marketing

Marie-Pier Clarke, ACS/ALB

I have served a full year as Club President of Zachry Toastmasters and Area H83 Governor. I am now serving as Division H Governor and am leading Division H marketing efforts as well as assisting in the Chartering Process of new clubs. I am a member of three clubs and a mentor of a fourth.



While serving as Division H Governor, I have worked diligently leading my team with passion, conviction and enthusiasm. It is extremely important to me to develop a cohesive team that works and supports each other, producing exceptional results. I will bring the same enthusiasm and commitment to the position of Lieutenant Governor Marketing. As the Lieutenant Governor Marketing, my team and I will develop a marketing strategy that will promote Toastmasters and share its benefits throughout District 55. We will put in place marketing teams in each division, and implement programs designed to strengthen and rescue challenged clubs. We will provide sponsors and mentors for each new club and we will emphasize membership retention. As a team, we will provide timely communication, support and inspiration to all clubs' members to help them fulfill their goals. You can be sure this will happen when you vote for me; Marie-Pier Clarke, ACS/ALB, for Lieutenant Governor Marketing.

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Lieutenant Governor Education & Training

Crystal D. Dyer, ACB/ALB

I am excited to be nominated to serve as the Lieutenant Governor Education & Training for District 55 and feel that I am qualified to carry out the duties of the position for the following reasons.

I have served with success at both the Club and District levels and have a sound understanding of the District's greatest successes and challenges. I've worked with other leaders to meet the needs of Toastmasters across the District and have made strategic decisions that have made goal accomplishment a byproduct of club and member support.



As a professional consultant, I am required to be both a trainer and a coach. By working in the field of organizational development, I spend a great deal of time discovering how people learn and retain information. I develop and deliver training programs on a routine basis, and am always concerned with attendee satisfaction. I feel these skills will be put to good use in planning and coordinating Toastmasters Leadership Institutes, officer trainings, and conferences. My experience as an executive coach will lend itself to building a robust Mentoring program within District 55 should I be elected to serve as the Lieutenant Governor Education & Training.

I believe that we, as an organization, can add immeasurable value to members' lives if we lead by example and encourage them to continually grow. Training and education are the two vehicles that allow us to build the leaders of tomorrow. I look forward to the challenge of building and encouraging leaders for future service if elected!

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District Governor

William D. (Bill) Greenham, DTM

I am honored and humbled to be nominated to serve our great District 55 as the District Governor.

When I joined Toastmasters in September 2009, I had no aspirations to be considered for District Leadership. I just enjoyed the fellowship, camaraderie and personal challenges to attain objectives. As I progressed, I joined additional clubs to achieve these goals and filled the roles of President, Vice President Education, Vice President Membership, Vice President Public Relations in multiple Clubs. In addition, I conducted and chaired two major Toastmasters Leadership Institutes during my first two years.



I soon realized that the most gratifying aspect of Toastmasters wasn't achieving my personal goals but being able to assist others and share in their successes. I became an Area Governor in 2010-2011 and found that extremely rewarding.

When asked to step up to District Executive Leadership in 2011, I did so with some trepidation, as I was unsure whether I could handle the role. My record to date has disproved that.

As your Lieutenant Governor Marketing, I received the "Excellence in Marketing Award" in 2011-2012. I am the present Lieutenant Governor Education & Training in 2012-2013 and will achieve all my objectives. I have been proud to represent the District at two International Conventions during these terms. I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement and made great friendships within and beyond the District.

I strive to lead by example and I am dedicated, enthusiastic and honored to assume this role. We have a great team assembled and I look forward to leading the District to achieve outstanding results in 2013-2014.