

# District 6 Officer Candidate



## Biographical Information

Candidate's Name	Ben Smith
Office Candidate is running for	Western Division Governor
Toastmaster member since	November 2006
Toastmasters offices held and terms of service	Area 91 Governor 2012-2013; President 2011-2012, Distinguished Club; SAA 2009-2010, 2007-2008
Toastmasters honors and recognition	
How has your Toastmasters experience most benefited you both personally and professionally?	My Toastmasters experience has benefitted me most prominently by giving me confidence in my ability communicate effectively and to handle leadership roles and responsibilities in both my personal and professional life.
What lessons did you learn from Toastmasters?	In the middle of my second speech in the CC manual, I was too nervous to continue and said, "I'm too nervous, I'm going to sit down." And sit down I did. The next week, I got up and finished the speech. People haven't been able to shut me up since. I said all of that to say this: Toastmasters has provided me a safe environment to make mistakes, LEARN from those mistakes, and become a better speaker, leader, and person
What key strengths would you bring to the role?	I think my key strength is my persistence. When presented with a task, I will see it through to completion.

Why do you want to serve in this position?	Toastmasters has given me confidence and helped me to grow in both my leadership and communication skills. I would like to use those skills and that confidence to help others in Western Division to attain their goals in leadership and communication.
In your opinion, what are District 6's major objectives and how would you work to achieve them?	In my opinion, D6's major objective is to cultivate, support and promote clubs that new members are excited to join, and that keep members engaged and energized in their own continuing communication and leadership growth.
Additional information you would like us to know:	