

District 6 Officer Candidate



Biographical Information

Candidate's Name	Bradley Reuvers
Office Candidate is running for	Eastern Division Governor
Toastmaster member since	2009
Toastmasters offices held and terms of service	Sgt at Arms – 9/09-6/30/10, President – 7/1/10-6/30/11, Secretary – 7/1/11-6/30/12, Sgt at Arms – 7/1/12 – Present, Area 13 Governor – 7/1/12 – Present.
Toastmasters honors and recognition	Diamond Award 2012. My home club also captured the Elusive Golden Gavel during this Toastmaster year.
How has your Toastmasters experience most benefited you both personally and professionally?	<p>Since joining Toastmasters I have been promoted from an Operations Manager to an Assistant Vice President. Recently my employer asked me to represent U.S. Bank as an industry expert and speaker at the upcoming NACHA International Payments conference.</p> <p>I have found that Toastmasters has enhanced my evaluation and listening skills and helped me mentor and coach numerous employees towards promotion.</p>
What lessons did you learn from Toastmasters?	You do not have to be naturally good at leading or speaking to be a Toastmaster. You just have to possess the desire to improve yourself and to help

	others who want the same thing.
What key strengths would you bring to the role?	I have been in a management role for more than 12 years and have experience developing and leading diverse teams of people.
Why do you want to serve in this position?	I am on track to be a DTM by the middle of this calendar year and now it is time for me to give something back to this organization. I have developed and sharpened skills as a result of my time as a Toastmaster. It is my sincerest desire to help other Toastmaster's develop their skills and bring about that opportunity for them.
In your opinion, what are District 6's major objectives and how would you work to achieve them?	<p>For recruitment, I would encourage everyone in the division to bring a friend or family member to a meeting with them whenever they have a speaking role to provide moral support. That will bring a steady stream of potential members into the meeting. Once there, they can decide if they want to be part of it or not.</p> <p>For educational achievement, I would like to see an incentive (like a certificate or a manual donated to the club or a division governor visit) for the first club in each area to complete a CC, a CL, and an advanced manual. That may give some clubs a push to make early progress towards Distinguished status.</p> <p>For recognition – I think the division and area governors need to personally congratulate Toastmasters and/or clubs after they post an educational award – by phone or e-mail. It only becomes a big deal if we take the effort to make it a big deal.</p>
Additional information you would like us to know:	I have volunteered to help at the past two TLI's and I volunteered to help the Sgt at Arms at last years Spring 2012 Convention. I have assisted the Eastern Division and Areas 12 and 14 with training this year and I have held a contest in joint with Area 12.