## **District 6 Officer Candidate**



## Biographical Information

Candidate's Name	Garth Andersen
Office Candidate is running for	Frontier Division Governor
Toastmaster member since	April 2005
Toastmasters offices held and terms of service	Area 21 Governor 2011-2012, President – Checkmasters 2008-2009, VP Education – Checkmasters 2007-2008, VP PR – Checkmasters 2009-2010, Treasurer – Checkmasters 2010-Current, Secretary – Soundbytes 11/05-3/06, VP Education 11/05-3/06
Toastmasters honors and recognition	Frontier Division Area Governor of the year 2011- 2012, Checkmasters Toastmaster of the year 2007- 2008
How has your Toastmasters experience most benefited you both personally and professionally?	Toastmasters has help me both personally and professionally by helping me become a better leader. All leaders must communicate and communicate clearly. Communication isn't just about speaking it is also about listening and evaluating. Toastmasters has helped me become a better leader because I am a better communicator.
What lessons did you learn from Toastmasters?	I learn new things everyday on my Toastmasters journey. The biggest thing I have learned so far is that Toastmasters is so much more than just public speaking, it is also leadership and character building.

What key strengths would you bring to the role?	Creativity, Training, Communication.
Why do you want to serve in this position?	I want to help the Area Governors of the Frontier division be great ambassadors to the clubs in their areas. I want to help grow the clubs and areas within the Frontier division by training and communicating those in leadership roles. I want to serve the club members of the Frontier division so they can be the best Toastmasters possible.
In your opinion, what are District 6's major objectives and how would you work to achieve them?	Growth (Within clubs, areas and divisions) – I will help area governors find ways to help the clubs grow and find places for potentially creating new clubs.  Training – In order to have successful clubs we want to have well trained area governors and club officers. I want to help my area governors be the best they can be by providing constant communication and training. A longtime toastmaster said of my spring contest when I was Area governor "It was the best run contest he had ever been to". With this knowledge I am creating a contest training program that I will use with my area governors so we can conduct top notch contests.
Additional information you would like us to know:	I look forward to my continued role in the success of District 6.