



District Leader

Biographical Information

Candidate's Name: **Arthur E. Stanze - Member Number 1530087**

Candidate's Office: **Club Growth Director** District Number: **8**

Toastmasters member since: **August 2010**

Education:

BS Metallurgical Engineering

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

Division A Director - July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021
Area 12 Director - July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017
Crossroads President - July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020
Crossroads President - July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Toastmasters honors and recognition:

Distinguished Toastmaster
Division Director of the Year

Relevant work experience and how it relates to Toastmasters and your role as a District leader:

Director of Operations and Chief Engineer of the St. Louis district steam system.
Supervised startup and operation of a pilot/demonstration plant for a novel metal recovery process.
Supervised a production department with 5 foremen plus 60 operators, mechanics, and laborers.
All 3 positions involved leading teams, setting goals with those teams, and achieving the goals through team effort.

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

Planned and led the assumption of operating and maintenance responsibilities of the central station making steam for the St. Louis district steam system from Union Electric.
As a club officer, Area Director, and Division Director in Toastmasters, learned that all offices require long range planning.

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

Prepared and executed operating and major maintenance budgets that approached \$1,000,000.00.
Served as financial analyst on a team trying to commercialize a novel metal recovery process.
Developed first operating budget for the newly privatized St. Louis district steam system.

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

Supervised startup of a 1,850 gallon per minute industrial waste water treatment plant. Supervised the takeover of the St. Louis district steam system's plant. Supervised startup and operation of a pilot/demonstration plant for a novel metal recovery process. Served as owner's engineer for construction and commissioning of a green field power house for a major chemical manufacturing complex. All required new operating procedures.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

It is about the team's success ... it is not about me
If someone on the team is great at some aspect of the job, shine a light on them.

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

It is time to give back.

In your opinion, what are the District mission's major objectives and how would you work to achieve them?

The District exists to support its clubs. Most of us joined Toastmasters to improve ourselves. The clubs are where most of that self improvement occurs. I will focus on supporting the clubs.

Additional information about yourself:

Outlined and systematized procedures for chairing Toastmasters Speech Contests. Applied lessons learned from chairing speech contests to chairing Division makeups.