

# **DISTRICT 103 TOASTMASTERS**



**WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE**

# **NOMINATED CANDIDATES BROCHURE 2019**

# District 103 Nominating Committee Report

February 18, 2019

Greetings District Council Members of District 103 Toastmasters!

This is the official report of the 2019 District 103 Nominating Committee.

We want to inform you that we have slated the following candidates for consideration of district leadership at the Annual Business Meeting on **Saturday, April 13, 2019** during the 2019 District 103 Spring Conference:

**For District Director**

Ivory Gwin, DTM

**For Program Quality Director**

Joe McCarty, DTM

**For Club Growth Director**

Gregg Thompson, DTM

**For Division Director**

Central South (B) Division – No Candidates to Slate

Central North (C) Division – No Candidates to Slate

Central East (F) Division – No Candidates to Slate

Central West (G) Division – No Candidates to Slate

South (S) Division – No Candidates to Slate

See the pages of this “Nominated Candidates Brochure” for biography information on each candidate.

In addition to the announcement of the slate, the 2019 District 103 Nominating Committee wish to inform you that District Council Members, such as yourself, can run from the floor for any of the eight (8) positions listed above. You can also encourage other club members and club leaders to run from the floor for these district leadership positions, too.

All floor candidates will need to submit – by April 13 – a completed:

- [Officer Agreement and Release Statement](#);
- [Candidate Biography](#); and
- Photograph.

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Submit your floor candidate paperwork to 2019 Nominating Committee Chair Cassandra Lee at [crlee2003@hotmail.com](mailto:crlee2003@hotmail.com) and to 2018-2019 District Director Donoley Williams at [donoleywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:donoleywilliams@gmail.com).

Again, the 2019 District 103 Nominating Committee is pleased to present you with this official report announcing slated candidates for 2019-2020 District 103 leadership positions.

We thank you for the opportunity "...to find the best-qualified candidates possible to serve as district leaders."

Warmest regards,

2019 District 103 Nominating Committee  
Cassandra "D.I.V.A. of Dialog™" Lee, DTM, IPDD, Chair  
Steve Mustain, ACS, ALS  
Timothy Egan, ACB  
Jeannette Peters, CC, CL  
James Traywick, DTM  
Dushun Mosley, DTM  
Naurice Roberts, DTM  
Muna Amarah, DTM, SAA  
Angelia Gill, SAA

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# Ivory Gwin, DTM

## NOMINATED CANDIDATE FOR: District Director



**A Toastmaster Since:** November 2003

**Toastmasters officer role(s) held and length of service:** I have served in every club officer role several times. I have also been instrumental in leading my clubs off the “need a club coach list” with Toastmasters International. In addition, I have served as an Area Director, Division Director, Logistics Manager, and Program Quality Director. Furthermore, I served as District Director of a quintet during the 2016-2017 reformation year – which led to the creation of District 103 from District 30.

**Toastmasters honors and designations:** I have been “Toastmaster of the Year” three times. Plus, I have earned three Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) awards.

**Relevant work experience and how it relates to Toastmasters and my role as a District officer:** As an AT&T Senior System Engineer, I have developed and implemented websites and tools through the delivery of customer focused solutions to help analyze AT&T systems and application across global markets. My focus on executing with excellence is underscored by a commitment to employee mentoring and engagement. These experiences helped me to serve in my role of District Director for District 30. I know these experiences will be instrumental in helping me to serve as District Director for District 103.

**Lessons I learned from previous leadership positions:** I learned to checkup on everyone and to verify that what someone has said in public is true.

**The reason I want to serve as a District officer is because:** I want to develop leaders in the district that will make District 103 stronger for the future.

**In my opinion, here are the district mission’s major objectives and how I would work to achieve them:** The mission of the district is to build clubs and to support clubs. I want to make sure clubs are getting what they need. By training the Area Directors to pass along the information, clubs can be informed of events in a timely manner.

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# Joe McCarty, DTM

## NOMINATED CANDIDATE FOR: Program Quality Director



**A Toastmaster Since:** June 2012

**Toastmasters officer role(s) held and length of service:** In 2012-2013, I served as Secretary for Oak Park Toastmasters Club. In 2013-2015, I served as Treasurer for Oak Park Toastmasters Club. In 2015-2016, I served as President for Oak Park Toastmasters Club and Area Director for Area S52 in the South Division of District 30 Toastmasters. In 2016-2017, I served as Vice President Membership for Saturday Sunrise Toastmasters Club and Vice President Education for Oak Park Toastmasters Club. Currently, I serve as Division Director for the Central West Division of District 103 Toastmasters.

**Toastmasters honors and designations:** I received my DTM award in 2017; Key Area Director Award in 2016; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the South Division Humorous Speech Contest in the Fall of 2016.

**Relevant work experience and how it relates to Toastmasters and my role as a District officer:** I've worked in several different industries and have led teams, managed projects, and owned my own business. All these experiences taught me how to be an effective leader, be nimble and look at better and innovative ways to do things.

**Lessons I learned from previous leadership positions:** 1. Listen to everyone: Whether it's your leadership, a peer or a direct report, everyone has something to offer if you listen to them. 2. Learn from mistakes: The only way we improve is learning from mistakes. If we know what not to do, we then know how to be better. 3. Look in the mirror: When you lead, the team looks at you. By looking in the mirror and being authentic to yourself, your team will be authentic to you with open communication and trust.

**The reason I want to serve as a District officer is because:** A District Officer in D103 is privileged to be a part of the best team one could ask to be on. Toastmasters and the D103 family have done so much to help me with my leadership development and public speaking skills. That's why I want to give back to this great organization and serve as a District officer.

**In my opinion, here are the district mission's major objectives and how I would work to achieve them:** The District Mission is "We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence." Established clubs need support and motivation to continue their excellence. Recently chartered clubs need support to maintain the excitement when they chartered. Newly chartered clubs need the support and guidance to start strong. As PQD, I would work hard to implement programs and work with District Leadership so all clubs, from the oldest to the newest, get the unique support they need to be successful.

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# Gregg Thompson, DTM

## NOMINATED CANDIDATE FOR: Club Growth Director



**A Toastmaster Since:** March 2007

**Toastmasters officer role(s) held and length of service:** In 2008-2009, I served as Vice President Membership for AT&T Chicagoland Club. In 2010-2011, I served as Sergeant-at-Arms for Toast of Algonquin Toastmasters Club. In 2013-2014, I served as President of AT&T Chicagoland Club. In 2014-2015, I served as an Area Director for Area 4 in District 30 Toastmasters. In 2015-2016, I served as President of Broadview Toastmasters Club and Sergeant-at-Arms for AT&T Chicagoland Club. In 2016-2017, I served as Vice President Education for AT&T Chicagoland Club. In 2017, I served as Vice President Membership for AT&T Chicagoland Club. Currently, I serve as Vice President Education for Broadview Toastmasters Club and Vice President Public Relations for AT&T Chicago East.

**Toastmasters honors and designations:** One of the highlights of my Toastmaster career to date is representing District 30 as the 2009 International Speech Contest Winner at the Region 5 Contest in Nashville, TN. I am the winner of the first annual Extreme Idol Speech Contest in 2012. Also, I was a finalist at the 2012 District 30 International Speech Contest and a runner-up in the 2017 District 30 International Speech Contest.

In addition to these highlights, when I served as President of AT&T Chicagoland Club and Broadview Toastmasters, I led both clubs to President's Distinguished with all 10 goals achieved!

**Relevant work experience and how it relates to Toastmasters and my role as a District officer:** My role as an I/T professional has prepared me for leadership at any level of Toastmasters. We work in teams and groups. We interact with other teams and groups. I've led many of these teams and groups with my 20 years of I/T experience.

**Lessons I learned from previous leadership positions:** The biggest lesson I've learned from previous leadership positions is to listen to the people you are leading and surround yourself with good, committed people.

**The reason I want to serve as a District officer is because:** The district is new. It needs strong leadership to push it forward which I feel I can bring my experience and leadership skills to serve the district and its members.

**In my opinion, here are the district mission's major objectives and how I would work to achieve them:** The district's major objective is retaining clubs. I believe my experience in mentoring and coaching clubs will help with retention.

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## RESOURCES FOR DISTRICT LEADER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

### Candidate Application

<https://www.toastmasters.org/~media/7FD991290B8A4167A08E4EF01CF20E26.ashx>

### Candidate Campaign Guidelines

<https://www.toastmasters.org/Leadership-Central/District-Leader-Tools/District-Management/Elections-Toolkit/Campaign-Guidelines>

### Candidate Evaluation Form

<https://www.toastmasters.org/Resources/Candidate-Evaluation-Form>

### District Administrative Bylaws

<https://www.toastmasters.org/leadership-central/~media/C47D4D9E1D354763B91E2D697A2276AC.ashx#page=4>

### District Executive Committee Roles

<https://www.toastmasters.org/leadership-central/district-leader-tools/leadership-roles/district-executive-committee-roles>

### District Leader Biographical Information

<https://www.toastmasters.org/~media/503A88FC353A44BABF06B20823830CE8.ashx>

### District Leader Competencies

<https://www.toastmasters.org/~media/9D123F7A018949E3B3C9E2A71DA6AC56.ashx>

### District Leader Nominating Form

<https://www.toastmasters.org/Resources/District-Leader-Nominating-Form>

### Officer Agreement and Release Form

<https://www.toastmasters.org/Resources/Officer-Agreement-and-Release-Statement>

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# NOTES

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