



District Leader Nominating Form

These materials are confidential. District Leadership Committee (DLC), upon completion of voting, submit all forms to the committee chair to destroy after the final report has been distributed to the District Director.

Are you interested in nominating yourself or someone else for a District leader position? If so, please complete the form below and submit it to your District director or to the DLC. If you are nominating someone besides yourself, you may submit more than one person's name for each position.

To be nominated or elected and to hold office, a member must meet the following requirements:

- ▶ Be a member in good standing of a Toastmasters club in good standing.
- ▶ Meet the qualifications of the position.
- ▶ Consent to being nominated and sign the District Leader Agreement and Release Statement.

I wish to have the Director or DLC consider the following member for the office of

- District Director
- Program Quality Director
- Club Growth Director
- Division Director (please specify Division _____)

If applicable:

- Area Director (please specify area _____/Division _____)
- Administration Manager
- Finance Manager
- Public Relations Manager

Name of nominee Erika Deris-Rodriguez Are you nominating yourself? Yes No

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City Bridge City

State/Province Louisiana Postal code 70094 Country USA

Telephone 504-503-2014 Member number _____

Email deriselizabeth@yahoo.com

Home club name Westbank Toastmasters Club number 00695123

Educational Awards CC ACB ACS ACG CL ALB ALS DTM

L1 L2 L3 L4 L5

Other Triple Crown

To assist the District Leadership Committee member in their deliberations, please attach:

- ▶ Additional information you would like to include about this candidate.
- ▶ A description of any club and District offices held by the nominee (include dates of service if possible).
- ▶ Why you believe the nominee should be considered for the specified position.

Submitted by Erika Deris-Rodriguez Date 1/14/2005

Mail, fax or email to your District director or DLC.
 Forms are submitted directly to District Director/DLC. Please see your District website for specifics.
<https://www.toastmasters.org/Leadership-Central/District-Websites>



District Leader Biographical Information

Candidate's Name: Erika Deris-Rodriguez

Candidate's Office: District Director District Number: 68

Toastmasters member since July 1, 2004

Education:
B. A. English from U.N. O.

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:
President, VPE, Treasurer, Secretary, Interim VPPR, SAA, Area Director (3 terms) Div. Dir. (1 term), PQD-1

Toastmasters honors and recognition:
Triple Crown Award
Club President Award
Club Coach Certificate of Completion

Relevant work experience and how it relates to Toastmasters and your role as a District leader:
Lead with confidence + compassion; co-workers know I am trustworthy + reliable. I hold myself accountable.

What experience do you have in strategic planning?
I have planned events at work in the past. I have coordinated with team members to host make-up TOT + contests. I am planning the Conference.

What experience do you have in the area of finance?
My day job is bookkeeper. I know how to keep track of finances + budgeting.

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

As PQD, I have had a wonderful learning experience in developing procedures. However, I do enforce the rules & procedures. I am a good fast learner.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

It takes a team and constant communication to work together to achieve goals.

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

I want to better serve the District with compassion, enthusiasm, & responsibility. ~~we~~ I think DGS needs committed leaders who can take on DL roles w/ responsibility. Uphold core values.

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

The District's major mission is to build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence. I am here to support all members & make sure everyone has a positive learning experience.

Additional information about yourself

I have been employed at St. Francis Villa Assisted Living for 25+ years. I have served officer roles in Baptist Collegiate ministry while in college.



District Leader Agreement and Release Statement

Directions

Toastrmasters International requires that any candidate running for and/or holding a role in the District, whether elected or appointed, agrees to and signs the District Leader Agreement and Release Statement below. Please submit your signed statement to the chair of the District Leadership Committee (DLC). Completed statements will be submitted to the District Director. Then, only the statements of newly elected and appointed leaders will be sent to the District Growth and Support Team at World Headquarters (districts@toastmasters.org) to be kept on file.

District Leader Agreement and Release Statement

I accept the responsibilities and duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors, in the **Articles of Incorporation**, in the **Bylaws of Toastmasters International**, in these administrative bylaws, and in standing rules or procedures adopted by the District Council of the District in which I serve, including, but not limited to:

- ▶ I take personal responsibility for my conduct, individually and as a leader of Toastmasters International.
- ▶ I agree to abide by the principles contained in "A Toastmaster's Promise."
- ▶ I will fully comply with my fiduciary duties to Toastmasters International under its governing documents and the law of the land.
- ▶ I will refrain from any form of discrimination, harassment, derogatory, illegal, or unethical conduct, and I understand that if I engage in such conduct, I may be responsible to reimburse Toastmasters International, my club or other clubs, or other individuals involved with Toastmasters, for any damages, losses, or costs resulting from my conduct.
- ▶ I understand that Toastmasters programs are conducted by volunteers who cannot be effectively screened or supervised by Toastmasters International or its clubs, therefore, I release and discharge Toastmasters International, its clubs, governing bodies, and representatives from any liability for the intentional or negligent acts or omissions of any member or officer of my club or other clubs, or any officer of Toastmasters International.
- ▶ I will always conduct myself in a professional manner and adhere to the core values.
- ▶ I confirm that I am proficient in English, as it is the official business language of Toastmasters International and is expected of all District leaders.
- ▶ In the event of any unresolved conflicts or complaints involving a member of the District Executive Committee, another appointed District leader, or an individual Toastmasters member participating in District activities (including Areas and Divisions), I agree to participate in an informal mediation session with the involved parties led by a member chosen by Toastmasters International before involving external people or authorities.
- ▶ I understand that disagreements can and will occur. Therefore, I promise to focus on the issue at hand and not on the individual.
- ▶ I understand that individual members, clubs, and Districts may not create or use their own logo to replace or supplement the Toastmasters logo and wordmark.
- ▶ I consent to allow Toastmasters International to collect and share my information (email address, phone number, etc.) with leaders and officers within my District, when necessary, to conduct legitimate Toastmasters operations. Additionally, I agree to receive all communications from Toastmasters International World Headquarters.
- ▶ I understand that all programs, materials, and contents are property of Toastmasters International and cannot be used for any individual, their affiliates, and/or organizations to derive any financial gains.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge and accept the duties and responsibilities prescribed in the governing documents of Toastmasters International and other supporting documents, including, but not limited to, the District Leadership Handbook.

For District Directors, Program Quality Directors, and Club Growth Directors: I understand that August and Mid-year Training are mandatory and require my full participation, and may require me to travel internationally. I confirm that I am able to travel internationally. I agree that by signing below I am giving permission for the publication of my picture, name, and role (District Director, Program Quality Director, or Club Growth Director) in the District Leader Brochure. I also give permission for the use of my picture and name at Toastmasters International events.

Confirmation

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the District Leader Agreement and Release Statement.

Erika Deris-Rodriguez
Full Name (please print)

00695123
Member Number

District Director
Officer Position

 68
Area (if applicable) Division (if applicable) District

Erika Deris-Rodriguez
Signature

2/28/2025
Date

