



District Leader

Biographical Information

Candidate's Name: CHARLES ELFTMAN

Candidate's Office: DIVISION DIRECTOR District Number: 35

Toastmasters member since: 2011

Education:

B.A. in History and German from LAKE FOREST COLLEGE;
M.A. in German Literature from WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY;
MASTERS in Library and Information Science, UW-MILWAUKEE.

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

AREA DIRECTOR C2, 2019-2021; VP EDUCATION,
REEDSBURG AREA TOASTMASTERS 2017-2018, 2019-2022;
PRESIDENT, REEDSBURG 2018-2019

Toastmasters honors and recognition:

REEDSBURG AREA TOASTMASTER of the Year 2020-2021;
ACB, CC, CL, VC2.

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

35 years experience working in Public and College
libraries, including 18 years of experience
Supervising library staff.

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

I have participated in planning for new library
construction; I have experience planning software
upgrades and migration to new library information systems.

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

I have managed budgets for salaries, wages, and
supplies.

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

I have written policy and procedure manuals in my various library jobs.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

Encouragement and Communication are two keys to successful leadership. Diverse styles of Communication are often necessary.

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

My experience as Area Director and Club leader have prepared me for the Division Director role. District 35 can promote better communication and inspired leadership in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

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

The District's mission is to form new clubs and strengthen existing clubs. Education, Public Relations, and safeguarding the integrity of TOASTMASTERS.

Additional information about yourself:

My interests include History, Philosophy, International Relations, Ecology, and the dialogue between science and religion.