



District Leadership Committee Report

District 25 has a proud heritage of leaders who actively live the core values of Toastmasters. In looking for new leaders, the committee not only considers existing qualities and skills, but the ability to build new skills, and create an environment conducive to growing future leaders. In addition to skills in strategic thinking, project/program management, effective communication, leading teams, and effective training, district leaders need to have a core understanding of Toastmasters International, including the mission, vision, and interconnection among clubs, areas, divisions, and districts.

Toastmasters International directs the Committee to nominate one or two candidates for each of the offices of District Director and Program Quality Director, two or more for the office of Club Growth Director, and at least one for any other elected office. The committee considers all declared candidates and deliberations are confidential. All candidates have been notified of their nomination for office and have confirmed their willingness to accept the nomination.

A candidate nominated by the District Leadership Committee who is not elected to the nominated office may be nominated from the floor for a maximum of one (1) additional office at the District Council's annual meeting. All qualified candidates must notify the District Director seven (7) days prior to the Annual District Council meeting of their intent to run from the floor.

After carefully considering the qualifications of each candidate and based on a majority vote of the committee, the following names are placed in nomination to seek elected office for the 2022-2023 Toastmasters year:

District Director – Marcheta Gardner, DTM
Program Quality Director – Emily Murray, DTM
Club Growth Director – Bindu Chintha, DTM
Club Growth Director – Jesse Ford, DL4, SR3
Division A Director – Phylliss Christian-Daniels, LD5, DL5
Division A Director – Joann Smith, PM5, PI5
Division B Director – Brandi Wesley, LD3
Division C Director – Jason Jett, MS3
Division D Director – Kelsey Dean, SR4
Division E Director – Krystal Besaw, PM5
Division F Director – Celeste Castro, DTM

My sincerest appreciation to the members of the Committee for their service to the district and their work on this committee. They took their responsibility of selecting the candidates seriously. Madam District Director, thank you for the trust you have placed in the District Leadership Committee.

Chris Raneri, DTM
Immediate Past District Director
District Leadership Committee Chair