



District Leader

Biographical Information

Candidate's Name: **Nick Cecchetti**

Candidate's Office: **Division C Director** District Number: **13**

Toastmasters member since: **August 1, 2017**

Education:

B.S. in Computer Engineering with a minor in Computer Science from Penn State Behrend (2012 - 2016)
M.S. in Software Engineering from Penn State World Campus (2021 - 2023)

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

Monroeville Club	
VPE	2018-2019
President	2019-2020
VPM	2021 - current
District	
Area 24 Director	2020 - 2021
Achievers	
President	Mar 28 2021 - June 30 2021
Secretary	2021 - current

Toastmasters honors and recognition:

IP 1-4
DL 1
Area Director of the year 2020-2021 term
Presidents distinguished Clubs as President - Monroeville and Achievers

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

As a software engineer, I help my team define priority of work items. It is relevant to toastmasters because as a District leader, or any leader, you need to decide what task has the highest priority and be able to focus resources to that.

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

For work I help estimate work items and define priority. Estimation gives a rough idea of how long a resource, usually a person, will be tied up. Priority helps define which items we need to work on first.

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

I do not have any formal training in finance but I can create and maintain a budget.

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

As Area 24 Director, I planned an Area Contest and formed a group of officials. We held the contest over ZOOM and had to develop some procedures, such as, how the completed ballots were going to be sent to the Chief Judge and Ballot counters. The plan was to text it to them, it was faster than email and easier to understand that a new form of messenger.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

From previous leadership experience I have learned it is best to know your limits and when to delegate. It is easy to become overwhelmed if you do not rely on others. I have also learned to try and create a team of highly motivated people. This kind of team helps to more easily reach goals and are not as easily discouraged.

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

I want to help out my fellow toastmasters' club. I understand the importance of Toastmasters and how it has helped my life. The ability to speak and lead has opened doors for me and I want others to be able to talk through. This will also help me grow as an individual and a leader. I prefer to lead from the front of the pack. A division director is the opposite, were I would lead the person that is leading the leader of the clubs.

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

In my opinion the major objects are to help any and all existing clubs in any way they can. Also to help spread the word of Toastmasters in area that do not have a chapter and try to grow more leaders. I want to help by first understanding all the clubs in the Division and help create a plan of attack to strengthen these clubs.

Additional information about yourself:

I love learning and growing to meet any possible challenge.