Felix Ogar - District Leader Biographical Information

Personal Information

Name: Felix OgarPosition: Area DirectorDistrict Number: 43

Education

- Doctor of Business Administration Management/Leadership (In View)
- MSc, Information Systems
- BSc, Business Management

Toastmasters Experience

Offices Held

- Area Director 2024-2025
- Club VP of Membership 2024-2025
- Club President 2023-2024
- Club VP of Membership 2022-2023

Honors and Recognition

- Distinguished Toastmaster (In View)
- President's Distinguished Club: Led the club to achieve the highest level of recognition in the Distinguished Club Program.
- Outstanding Club Officer Award: Recognized for exemplary performance and dedication as a club officer.
- Pathways Mentor Program Completion: Successfully completed the Pathways Mentor Program, demonstrating a commitment to mentoring and supporting fellow members.
- Speech Contest Winner: Won speech contest at the club level, showcasing exceptional public speaking skills.

Professional Experience

I have over 10 years of experience in project management and team leadership. My role as a Product Manager at a leading tech company involves strategic planning, team coordination, and performance management, which align closely with the responsibilities of a District leader in Toastmasters. My experience in managing cross-functional teams and driving projects to successful completion will be invaluable in my role as a District leader.

Strategic Planning Experience

I have extensive experience in strategic planning, having led multiple projects that required long-term vision and detailed execution plans. In my current role, I develop and implement strategies to enhance product performance and market reach. Additionally, my tenure as an Area Director involved creating and executing strategic plans to achieve district goals.

Finance Experience

I have extensive experience in managing budgets and financial plans for various projects in my professional career as a Product Manager in the Fintech. In my current role, I oversee the financial aspects of product development, ensuring that resources are allocated efficiently to maximize return on investment and drive product success. This involves creating detailed financial models, forecasting revenue, managing expenses and building applications to help the business carry out transactions swiftly.

My professional experience has equipped me with the skills to manage finances effectively and ensure the financial stability of any organization. My ability to make strategic financial decisions and allocate resources efficiently will be invaluable in my role as a District leader.

Procedure Development Experience

I have developed and implemented numerous procedures to streamline operations and improve efficiency in my professional and Toastmasters roles. This includes creating standard operating procedures for project management and developing guidelines for club officers to enhance their performance and club success.

Leadership Lessons Learned

From my previous leadership positions, I have learned the importance of clear communication, empathy, and accountability. Effective leadership requires understanding team dynamics, motivating members, and being open to feedback. These lessons have helped me build strong, cohesive teams and achieve organizational goals.

One key lesson I've learned is the value of clear communication. By ensuring that everyone is on the same page and understands their roles and responsibilities, I have been able to prevent misunderstandings and keep projects on track. I also learned the importance of empathy in leadership. By understanding and addressing the needs and concerns of team members, I have been able to build trust and foster a positive work environment.

Adaptability is another crucial lesson I have learned. In today's fast-paced world, being able to stay agile and adjust plans as needed is essential for success. I have developed the ability to remain calm under pressure and make informed decisions quickly. Additionally, I have learned the importance of aligning team efforts with organizational objectives and ensuring that everyone understands that they are committed to achieving organizational goals.

Motivation for Serving as a District Leader

I am passionate about personal and professional development, and I believe that serving as a District leader will allow me to contribute to the growth and success of Toastmasters members. I am committed to fostering a supportive and dynamic environment where members can achieve their communication and leadership goals.

I believe in the mission of Toastmasters to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. By providing the right resources, training, and support, we can help members develop their skills and confidence. I am also dedicated to promoting a culture of excellence within the district. By setting high standards and encouraging continuous improvement, we can ensure that our clubs and members thrive.

Furthermore, I am excited about the opportunity to collaborate with other leaders and share best practices. I believe that by working together, we can create innovative solutions to challenges and drive the district forward. My goal is to make a positive impact on the lives of our members and help them achieve their personal and professional aspirations.

District Mission Objectives and Implementation Strategy

The major objectives of the District mission are to build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence. To achieve these objectives, I would focus on member engagement, providing training and resources for club officers, and promoting the benefits of Toastmasters to potential members. By fostering a culture of excellence and continuous improvement, we can ensure the success and growth of our district.

Additional Information

A lifelong learner passionate about public speaking and mentoring, I've made significant contributions to Toastmasters. As Club President, I achieved President's Distinguished status through innovative meeting formats. As VP of Membership, my mentorship program boosted retention. As Area Director, I organized successful contests and training, helping struggling clubs increase membership by 20%. I lead by example, creating an inclusive environment while promoting continuous improvement and accountability.