



# Carrie Dostal

## Program Quality Director – District 19

### Candidate's Corner 2020



I'm Carrie Dostal, and I am running from the floor for the position of Program Quality Director. During this current Toastmaster year, I've served as Finance Manager for District 19 and president of my club. Under the old naming conventions, I've been an Area Governor, District Auditor and District Treasurer.

You may be wondering why my name wasn't on the candidate list, requiring me to run from the floor. The answer is simple. Being PQD was not on my personal to do list for the near future. Like many of you,

I like to plan my life and, although I'd considered running for elected District 19 offices over the years, it had never seemed like the right time for me. When I learned that no one else had stepped forward to run for this position, I decided not to make it about me. It's about keeping the District strong and viable. We're currently facing challenges that could NOT have been anticipated, such as how to continue to serve our members when we are unable to meet in person. Delivering quality programs is more important than ever.

How do we deliver quality programs? It's up to each individual member to keep the Toastmaster Promise, which includes regular participation in club meetings, not only for their own edification, but to encourage their fellow Toastmasters and guests. This organization is all about the member. As a District, we're just here to support our clubs, allowing them to provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

For those of you who don't recognize that, it's the mission of all our clubs.

We don't know what the next Toastmaster's year will bring, but we do know that we can offer a valuable experience for our current and future members. Delivering quality programs is more important than ever, so I hope you will allow me to help facilitate that as your next Program Quality Director.