



Attachment for District Leader Nominating Form
Saeko VonBehren, MBA, DTM,
Candidate for District Director TM 2024-2025

To assist the District Leadership Committee member in their deliberations, please attach:

- Additional information you would like to include about this candidate.
- A description of any club and District offices held by the nominee (include dates of service if possible).
- Why you believe the nominee should be considered for the specified position.

To be District Director: At the time of taking office, the District Director shall have served at least six consecutive months as a Club President and at least 12 consecutive months as a Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director or Division Director or a combination thereof.

At least six consecutive months as Club President

Heritage Toastmasters Club, President, TM 2018-2019, TM 2021-2022, TM 2023-2024

At least 12 consecutive months as a Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, Division Director, or Area Director

Program Quality Director TM 2023-2024, Club Growth Director TM 2022-2023, Division X Director TM 2020-2021

Why you believe the nominee should be considered for the specified position

Saeko is an experienced and strategic leader with building high-performing teams and delivering results. Saeko joined Toastmasters in 2016 and belongs to the Heritage Toastmasters club. She is currently serving as the District 19 Program Quality Director. She strives to have every club and each member reap the benefits of Toastmasters and motivates every club to become Distinguished. She provides direction and counsel to Division Directors, Area Directors, and Club Officers on the educational opportunities in Toastmasters. She also designs and conducts District club officer training sessions and conferences. She also served in the District Leadership role as Club Growth Director, Division X Director, Club Extension Chair, and Public Relations manager. She was honored to be a recipient of the Division Director Award TM 2020-2021. She has also served as various officers such as President, VP of Education, and VP of Public Relations for her club. When she was the President, she spearheaded to help the Heritage Club achieve the President Distinguished in TM 2018-2019 and TM 2021-2022.

Other than Toastmasters, Saeko served the Project Management Institute (PMI) Eastern Iowa Chapter for 9 years. Out of those 9 years, she has served as a board member for 8 years, and as the President for 4 years. PMI is an international non-profit organization and has over 680,000 members globally. The Eastern Iowa Chapter serves over 300 members in the Corridor. Along with her leadership team, her focus has been to increase member satisfaction, new member recruitment, and retention of existing members. She has lead strategic planning sessions for this non-profit organization including SWOT and SOAR analysis.

Saeko works as the Director of Strategic Execution for Buchanan County Health Center. She is responsible for executing the organization-wide strategic vision and leading core and adjacent business growth and transformation.

She is certified as a Project Management Professional (PMP®) and a Certified Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Professional (CLSSBL). She received a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (BSCS) from Hawaii Pacific University and her Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Upper Iowa University.