

Nomination for Club Growth Officer

Hello, please accept this as my formal nomination for myself for the position of Club Growth Officer within District 106 for the term of 2023-2024 year. I believe I would be an ideal candidate as I am a passionate ambassador for Toastmasters and have been for the past Ten years. I have been part of the team to ensure that my club has been presidential distinguished for the past 9 years. I have also been part of the team that has run speech craft two to five times a year which not only helps our club but also allows the Toastmaster Brand to grow.

In addition to this I have held many District positions including Area, Division directors, Training Director for D106, Speechcraft Chair. I have also spent a lot of time working with various groups to start clubs, assist with speech contests.

Away from Toastmasters,

Matthew is a 40-year-old lifelong resident of Thunder Bay. Matthew loves the City of Thunder Bay and is currently working hard to make this a better place to live. Matthew is a proud graduate of Lakehead University with his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education in 2005, and recently completed his Master's in Education at Lakehead University in 2018.

Matthew is currently a professor for the School of Business, Hospitality at Confederation College. Previously Matthew worked at YES Employment Services for over 14 years as an Employment Counsellor and Workshop Facilitator.

Matthew believes in giving back to the community and has demonstrated this with his various volunteer and community development opportunities over the years. He is currently President of Leadership Thunder Bay, Volunteer and Event Planner for Easter Seals Ontario Thunder Bay, and is proud to sit on the City of Thunder Bay's Sister Cities Advisory Committee as chair. During his time on this committee, Matt has participated in welcoming delegations from our sister cities and has participated in a couple of visits to our sister cities. Matthew has been part of the team that developed the now annual culinary exchange between Duluth and Thunder Bay. Matthew is an advocate of strong relationships and works hard to promote Thunder Bay on any of his exchanges and works diligently to ensure Thunder Bay benefits from this program.

Matthew was honored to receive the Citizens of Exceptional Achievement Award from the City of Thunder Bay in 2014, and recently award the Community Champion Award in 2018 through the Northern Ontario Visionary Awards Top 20 under the age of 40.