



# District Leader

## Biographical Information

Candidate's Name: **Edward Brian Aylward**

Candidate's Office: **candidate for District Director** District Number: **106**

Toastmasters member since: **2007**

### Education:

**BS Agriculture (Food Science) U Missouri 1975; MS Food Microbiology U Kentucky 1979; PhD Food Science U Kentucky 1989; Certificate in Pastoral Ministry Brescia College 1996.**

### Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

**VP Education Saturday Morning Live 2020-21; VP Education North Side Toastmasters 2019-21; VP Membership Power Presenters Jan 2018-SEP 2019; VP Public Relations Parliamentary Procedure TM 2022-23; Club Secretary North Side TM 2022-23; District 6 Area 25 Director 2017-18; Club President LOL Buttermasters 2017-18; Sergeant-at-Arms LOL Buttermasters 2016-17; VP Public Relations LOL Buttermasters Jan-JUN 2017; Club President Marshfield Area Toastmasters (District 35) 2015-16; VP Membership Marshfield Area TM 2013-2015; District 106 Club Growth Director 2021-22; District 106 Program Quality Director 2022-23.**

### Toastmasters honors and recognition:

**LOL Buttermasters club 1505 Toastmaster of the Year 2016-17; District 6 Division C Area Director of the Year 2017-18. Twice a district 35 International Speech competition district finalist. Once third place International Speech competition division competition (district 106). Distinguished Toastmaster 03 JAN 2019. Leadership Award District 106 2021-22.**

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

**Career experiences as a production manager, technical development manager, quality manager, team leader, senior scientist, and principal scientist. I have directed interns, hired, coached, developed, disciplined, and mentored people throughout my career. Multiple human resources specialists have told me that those whom I direct find me to be a good listener.**

### What experience do you have in strategic planning?

**I am generally better at tactics, but have had to be strategic as quality manager of the world's largest Italian cheese factory, as a member of the board of directors for the St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, Inc., at Marshfield, Wisconsin and on the board of directors for the Frederic Ozanam Transitional Shelter for Homeless Families at Marshfield, WI.  
I have participated in forming District Success Plans in my roles as Club Growth Director and as Program Quality Director.**

### What experience do you have in the area of finance?

**I served as treasurer for the St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, Inc. board of directors. I served as liaison between the board, an architect, and contractor for a million dollar building exterior renovation. I managed a quality department of 100 employees and a million dollar budget as a quality manager.**

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

I have written and edited many manufacturing and quality standard operating procedure documents. I have created and edited multiple Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point documents. I have edited the creation, revision and publication of multiple manufacturing facility quality documents. I have been awarded US Patent 6,902,750 B2.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

When guiding volunteers, be sure to have alternative plans prepared. Life happens to volunteers at inconvenient times. Lead honestly. Listen. Provide tools and remove obstacles. Always be encouraging. Trust, but verify. Do the best you can with what you have.

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

It is fun to identify future leaders and help them succeed. I have the wisdom of my mistakes to draw upon and I'm happy to share and to encourage others.

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

I am an energetic member of the team elected to assist District 106 in building new clubs while helping all clubs achieve excellence. I love celebrating member, club, area, division, and district achievements.

Additional information about yourself:

Once trust is established, I will speak my mind in a way which others sometimes find to be abrupt. I enjoy seeing others develop their leadership skills. I'm not afraid to try new things or different approaches. I seek forgiveness more often than permission. I have fun with my Toastmasters experiences in much the same way I have fun composing a speech. I work to make the fun contagious. My mother often said that I am stubborn. I prefer to say that I am "persistent!" I will continue to bring my best effort to District 106 leadership.