



DISTRICT 66 2017 – 2018 NOMINATIONS: CANDIDATES' CORNER

District Director Candidate: Naomi Lewis, DTM

As the District Director, Naomi would be committed to helping all members and clubs reap the full benefits of their Toastmasters experience. Her priority for the 2017-2018 Toastmasters year will be to strengthen our existing clubs and district through increased membership and member engagement in the Toastmasters educational program.

Naomi joined Toastmasters in 2010. At the club level, she has served as President and Vice President of Membership. She has also served at the District level as Conference Co-Chair, a member of the Extension Team, Toastmasters Leadership Institute Trainer, Area Governor, Assistant Division Governor, and Club Growth Director. She is currently serving as the District's Program Quality Director.

Naomi is ready to LEAD with Leadership, Engagement, Accountability, and Dedication and would be honored to serve as your 2017-2018 District Director.

I, Naomi Lewis, humbly ask for your vote.



District Program Quality Director Candidate: Perry Neal, DTM

Toastmasters can change your life. I know because it's changed mine. I joined Toastmasters in the summer of 2012 and, like most new members; I wanted to learn how to become a better communicator. With the help of my fellow members and their feedback – I did.

What I've gotten the most out of Toastmasters though is the opportunity to improve my leadership skills. Since joining, I've been a President's Distinguished Club President, a Distinguished Area Governor, a President's Distinguished Division Director, I was the 2015-2016 Division Director of the Year, and earned my Distinguished Toastmaster award in April of 2016.

When I ran for Division Director my slogan was, "Believe & Achieve!", because nothing in life is achieved until first there's a belief that it CAN be achieved. Sometimes that belief comes from within. At other times you have to take a deep breath and trust in the belief that others have in you.

I believe that there is the potential for greatness within District 66 - we just have to believe. When our clubs and members find it difficult to believe, our jobs, as District leaders, is to get them to see the greatness that we see in them.

Vote for me, Perry Neal, to be your next Program Quality Director.



Club Growth Director Candidate: Cynthia Brittain

A little over three years ago Cynthia Dunaway Brittain, DTM, wouldn't have dreamt that she would be running for District 66 Club Growth Director. She didn't know a thing about Toastmasters. CC, CL, ALS, HPL, ACG and DTM meant nothing to her. She had just become unemployed and her Dad was terminally ill. It was one of the lowest points in her life and then Toastmasters came along to pull her out of it.

Cynthia joined St. Michael Toastmasters and since day one, has worked to **Make a Difference**. She has held several club office roles and earned the Membership Building Award and several CL's and Triple Crowns.

Cynthia became a Distinguished Toastmaster in a little over 2½ years and is working on her second DTM. She believes in giving back and wants to continue to **Make a Difference** in future Toastmasters lives.

From 2015-2016 she was Area 23 Director and ended the year with Presidents Distinguished and Division B Area Director of the Year. This was no easy feat as on the first day a club Presidents told her his club would fold. Cynthia helped them become successful, achieving Presidents Distinguished status. This year Cynthia is Division B Director and loving working with her Area Directors. She has taught several Leadership Training Sessions and volunteered at several District 66 Conferences.

Currently Cynthia is helping a fellow Toastmaster with her HLP through the American Marketing Association of Richmond with a vision of creating more corporate clubs for the District. She hopes everyone will join her in setting and meeting our membership goals for next year and help her to continue to **Make a Difference**.

She looks forward to serving as your 2016-2017 Club Growth Director and we all can **Make a Difference!**



Club Growth Director Candidate: Linda Kennedy, DTM

Linda Kennedy, DTM, is a member of SPBC Toastmasters, Step to Success Toastmasters, Midtown Toastmasters and Faith Talk Toastmasters. She was a charter member of Berlaymont Toastmasters, a French/English club, Claddagh Toastmasters, an Irish/English club (both in District 59) and Advanced Richmond Toastmasters in District 66.

On the club level, Linda has served in every club officer role and is currently a president, vice president education and sergeant-at-arms. On the district level, Linda served as Lt. Area Governor in D59; and in D66 as Area Governor; Division B Governor; Dominion Traveler Newsletter Editor; Extension Chair; Sergeant-at-Arms and Division C Director. She currently serves as Pathways Ambassador and Extension Co-Chair for Division C.

To date, Linda has officially sponsored/mentored 14 new clubs, sponsored 48 new members and mentors many new and existing members.

She has been the recipient of three Toastmaster of the Year club awards in District 59, the 2009 Toastmasters Lifetime Achievement Award in District 59 Division B, and the 2012 Toastmaster of the Year award in District 66.

Linda is a network operations specialist at McGuireWoods LLP where she has worked over 35 years.



Finance Manager Candidate: Glenn Doggett, DTM

A Toastmaster since May 2010. I am a member of a community and corporate club and have served as an officer for each. I have served the District as an Area Governor in 2014-15 and currently serving as District Finance Manager. If re-elected for the 2017-2018 Toastmaster year, I will be able to provide valuable input regarding the finances for District 66 with the experience I have gained this year.

Professionally, I am a director of professional standards for CFA Institute. My responsibilities include providing member guidance in applying the ethics and standards of practice policies, supporting related educational and public awareness activities, and working with the Standards of Practice Council of CFA Institute on its initiatives.

I co-host a monthly free, live, interactive webinar used by CFA Institute to promote ethical decision making and global best practices. I also contribute to the CFA Institute Market Integrity Insights blog. You can follow me on Twitter @glennndva and connect with him on LinkedIn.



Division A Director Candidate: Jared Anderson

I hold a B.S. in Computer Science from Virginia Tech and an MBA from Lynchburg College. I work at Hurt & Proffitt, Inc. as Director of Information Technology. I'm currently serving as Area 11 Director for District 66 Toastmasters.

Shortly after joining the AREVA Lynchburg Toastmasters corporate club in 2012, I become involved in its leadership. I served as VPM and VPPR from 2012-2013, VPPR from 2013-2014 and President from 2014-2016. During my time as an officer, I helped to break down the silo of the club's self-contained culture, encouraging greater participation in training, contests, and other area events. During my service as President, the club achieved Distinguished status for the first time.

When the prior Area 11 Director relocated in late 2015, I stepped in, completing club visits and working as site coordinator to hold WLI within the AREVA facility. As Area Director, I have concentrated heavily on engaging clubs across their normal boundaries, successfully securing contestants and participants from 80% of our clubs for several area contests, and a majority of our clubs for officer training. I have supported the existing Division Director in scouting and securing training and contest locations. I instituted an Area Council Meeting. I have striven to develop rapport with my fellow Area Directors within my Division, exchanging best practices and providing backup/support for area events. I've engaged local media in promotion of Toastmasters. I held our first joint meeting in the area through a specially-publicized event, which yielded nearly a dozen guests, allowed several area members to interface with one another in a different setting, and saw commitments for participation from members of all five area clubs. I also have experience with the Lynchburg chapter of another civic organization, Optimist International, where I've chaired several youth-related program committees, served a one-year term as Vice President, and served a two-year term as President (during which the chapter achieved Honor Club status).



Division B Director Candidate: Annette Jensen, DTM

Annette Jensen is a charter member of both St. Michael Toastmaster Club and Advanced Richmond Toastmasters. She joined the Richmond Club in 2009. Since 2010 she has served as VP Membership, VP Education and President of the Richmond Club, Area 22 Governor, Sergeant at Arms of ART, currently serving as VP Education at St. Michael and Area 22 Director.

Serving as Area 22 Director has been an amazing experience utilizing what Toastmasters teaches and building strong networking relationships. The reward is in seeing others grow to be more effective leaders.

Being invited to attend my first Toastmaster meeting was the first “best” experience of Toastmasters. Saying “yes” to opportunities to lead and learning along the way has helped me find the voice within. Annette welcomes the opportunity to serve District 66 as Division B Director and working as a team to challenge us all to take our goals to the next level.



Division C Director Candidate: Lynn Lewis, DTM

As the District C Director, I, Lynn Lewis will be committed to supporting area directors in achieving their goals and addressing their needs and concerns. My leadership style is to lead by example with authenticity, honesty and integrity. I possess strong mentoring skills and will use them to mentor area directors in knowledge and procedures of Toastmasters as I have done with several Toastmaster members in the past.

I heard about the Toastmasters organization many years ago when I was a new employee with the company from which I will retire on May 1st this year after 39 years. In the fall of 2010, I attended my first meeting and knew immediately I wanted to become a part of the Toastmasters organization. It has been and continue to be one of the best personal development tools I have encountered. I have served in all offices on the club level. Additionally, I have served on the district level as an area governor, club coach and facilitated at the leadership sessions. My most recent accomplishments include leading a non-distinguished club to President's Distinguished and obtaining my Distinguished Toastmaster Award.

It will be an honor to serve as Division C Director for the 2017-18 year.

Division D Director Candidate: Tonya Martin, CC, ALB

Tonya Martin has been an active Toastmaster for 2 ½ years. She currently serve as Berkley's Confident Communicators club's Vice President Education (VPE) and Area 55 Director. She has learned so much in a short time and met a lot of great people along the way. It is her honor to accept the nomination for 2017-2018 Division D Director. If elected, she will give her best effort to support Division D and the District.

Tonya believes that she the right fit for Division D Director because:

- She will take advantage of every learning and leadership opportunity that presents itself;
- She will promote the brand and support the division members as we transition to the new Pathways system.
- She likes to solve complex problems and has a background in Applied Mathematics with a focus in Computer Science and Operations Management. She has been trained and developed as a technical writer and research scientist.
- She knows that people are our biggest resource and will work to support the Area Directors as they build relationships with their area clubs.
- She believes in the importance of making data-driven decisions and will utilize the dashboard often.
- She is patient, trustworthy and dependable.

I hope to gain your vote at the District Council meeting in May (Spring Conference)!



Division E Director Candidate: William Tyree III, ACG, ALB

Toastmaster William D. Tyree, III has been a member of Toastmasters since May 1, 2011 as a charter member of *Berkley's Confident Communicators*. His leadership as club president and sergeant at arms resulted in designation as *President Distinguished* for three years and one year as *Select Distinguished*.

Toastmaster Tyree while serving as Area 55 Director for the 2015-2016 Toastmaster year, led Area 55 to be recognized as *Select Distinguished*.

"I have a passion and I'm driven to see my fellow Toastmasters succeed and accomplish their goals. I am committed to personal growth and I'm dedicated to the growth and success of Division E. I appreciate and need your vote!"

