

ONLINE CANDIDATE CORNER:

Division Director Nominee:

Rudy Erbrich, CC, CL, ACB



Rudy Erbrich is originally from Germany but has been living in the Pacific Northwest since 1995.

In order to further his career, he decided to improve on his interpersonal and presentation skills and joined Gresham Toastmasters, one of the longest-running clubs in Oregon, in May 2012. He has never looked back as he thrives on feedback from fellow toastmasters to become a better communicator and leader.

Rudy's love of lifelong learning encouraged him to become an active member of his club serving as VP of Public Relations, VP of Education, Treasurer and President (2014-2015). His home club achieved the president distinguished club status every year since he joined.

His involvement grew over the years from participating and leading several club and area contests, officer trainings and publishing an article about his home club in Voices.

In order to experience a different club setting and further his understanding of Toastmasters he became a member of the Silverton Toastmaster group in 2017 and 2018.

In July 2017 he decided to advance his leadership skills to the next level, and he became area director for area 53 in division D, district 7, where 3 of his 4 clubs achieved Distinguished club status. In the following year, after a mid-year emergency vacancy he filled in as interim area director for area 52 in division D.

Rudy is working to start a new club in an underserved area just east of the Portland Metropolitan area.

Toastmasters taught him valuable skills, such as critical thinking, confidence, and courage to pursue and achieve goals he never thought possible. He also met his wife who is a fellow Toastmaster there.

Rudy holds a master's degree in Political Science and Modern History from the University of Munich, Germany. He is an active member in his community having volunteered at his 2 daughter's schools as well as the local food bank.

He works as Senior Quality Director at TransPerfect Translations, an international language service provider. His current responsibilities include the training of new German speaking team members and leading the newly established patent division.

As an avid runner and soccer player, you can find him training for his next race year-round, with a personal goal to run a marathon on all seven continents before he is 65 years old. He has been playing soccer since he was a toddler and still plays on two teams.

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Statement:

My vision as a leader is to serve and inspire others to take on any opportunity to serve our members and grow personally and professionally.

As a candidate running for Division Director for D7 in 2020-2021, I will lead my division with support and passion. Together we will coordinate division activities, set goals, and work to support each member and club to reach their goals with training and club leadership opportunities. I look forward to using my knowledge and experience to help Toastmasters thrive! We are all in this together!