

Raja Vaidya

Candidate for Division E Director

TOASTMASTERS EXPERIENCE

- Delco TM Club; SmithKline Speecham Toastmasters Club; JBIO Toastmasters Club (former)
- 9+ years in Toastmasters
- Club President (multiple terms), VP Education, VP Marketing
- Area Director (G70, B22)
- Former Club President – JBIO Toastmasters
- Led a 2-hour “Speaker Confidence Workshop” for Fortune 500 companies for 7 consecutive years; recognized with the Johnson & Johnson INSPIRE Award
- Completed Effective Communication Pathway (2020)
- Host of “Unbox Me Today Show” – 500+ interviews, including Brian Proctor
- Grew YouTube channel to 8,000 subscribers in 12 months
- Delivered keynote at Pfizer World Headquarters; featured in LA Tribune

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

International keynote speaker and Toastmasters leader with 26+ years of experience in cancer research and organizational development. A 3× TEDx speaker and bestselling author, known for helping individuals build confidence, executive presence, and overcome imposter syndrome. Recognized for contributions to a major breakthrough therapy and recipient of the INSPIRE Award for driving culture change. Also a 7th-degree Black Belt Grandmaster and Olympic qualifier, reflecting a strong foundation in discipline, resilience, and high-performance leadership.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

- Biology Scholarship – Ursinus College
- Master’s Program, Biochemistry – Thomas Jefferson University
- Project Management Professional (PMP) – Cornell University (2025)
- Certified Scrum Master (CSM) – Scrum Alliance (2025)
- AI in Scrum & Agile; AI in Business Analytics (2025–2026)

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I’m pursuing Division Director because Toastmasters should be the place where every voice—especially speech-challenged and neurodiverse members—becomes stronger, safer, and more visible. I know what it’s like to have your contribution minimized and your voice overlooked. I’ve lived it in high-pressure corporate environments, and I’ve shared it publicly in my TEDx talk, *“How to Speak When You Can’t Talk.”* Toastmasters isn’t just a communication program—it’s a leadership pipeline and a confidence lab. As Division Director, I will protect that mission and scale it Fearlessly Forward.

My focus will center on three key areas:

Inclusive Excellence: Build psychologically safe clubs where members can practice without ridicule, and where diverse communication styles are respected and developed.

Performance & Growth: Drive consistent club success through clear standards, measurable goals, and leadership coaching that improves retention and officer effectiveness.

AI-Enabled Execution: Streamline Division operations with practical AI tools—faster area visits, smarter agendas, automated reminders, and ai practice resources—reducing admin burden and increasing impact.

My commitment is simple: elevate results, elevate leaders, and ensure every voice has the opportunity to be heard.