

MARY LOU ANDERSEN

QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT FOR GOVERNOR ELECT

NEBRASKA DISTRICT

Optimist Member since 2007; currently a member of Optimist Club of Lincoln 10055 and R-A-K (Random Acts of Kindness) Nebraska Optimist Club 10152.

Club: Secretary and Secretary-Treasurer, President (2009-10 and 2016-17); Club Foundation Rep; Program Chair, Membership Chair. I have personally sponsored in excess of 15 new Optimist members.

District: Registrar, Zone 6 Lt. Governor, District Secretary (2 years), Childhood Cancer Committee, PGI Committee. I regularly attend my club meetings, and I have attended 90% of District meetings since becoming a member in 2007.

International: I will be attending my fourth International Conference next month; have been accepted to take International Leadership Training at International Convention this year; I have Club Trainer designation; I am registered to take District Trainer class next month; I have taken several New Club Building classes at International conventions, and I will be taking the New Club Building training next month. I built a new club (R-A-K Nebraska 10152) in 2016-17.

Professional: Currently self-employed as a digital transcriptionist. My primary clients are marketing and research companies, insurance companies, and organizations involved with early childhood development. Before becoming self-employed, I worked primarily in the legal and medical fields.

I have four years professional experience as a meetings and convention planner (local, regional, state, and national), including planning, organizing and attending state and national legislative receptions; planning, organizing, and chaperoning an annual youth tour to Washington, DC.; developing and conducting women's programs at state and regional meetings; and being a speaker in front of up to 500 people at state and regional meetings.

Community: Chaired Luminaries Committee for Lincoln's American Cancer Society Relay for Life two years; currently Project Linus Coordinator in Nebraska for Lancaster County and other counties in Southeast and South Central Nebraska; Area Representative and Board member for Nebraska State Genealogical Society; and active as a member and/or board member in other community organizations.