

## Division Director Nominee:

**Irina Gabidullina**



I have been an active member of the Business-Oriented Toastmasters Club since 2019, where I've strengthened my leadership, communication, and team collaboration skills. Previously, I served as Club President, SAA, VP of Membership, and Area 55 Director. This June, I will complete a two-year term as a coach for the EasyTech Club, further deepening my commitment to supporting and empowering others in their Toastmasters journey.

Professionally, I am a Wealth Management Advisor at Donalies Financial Planning, where I dedicate my expertise to helping people achieve their financial goals. With over two decades of experience in leadership roles, I'm passionate about fostering growth and creating meaningful connections within organizations. As a **CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™** and **Wealth Management Certified Professional®**, I specialize in crafting personalized investment strategies and cultivating strong client relationships. My expertise also extends to **Sustainable Investing**, for which I hold a certification from the **CFA Institute**.

Since starting my career in financial services in 1998, I've honed my strategic thinking, client engagement, and professional development skills. I hold a **Master's degree in International Economics** from the University of Trade and Commerce in Moscow, Russia, a certificate from the London School of Economics, and a **UBD in Financial Law** from the Moscow University of International Relations. My research on investing and mutual funds has been published in industry magazines, enabling me to communicate complex financial concepts clearly and effectively.

I am also an active member of the **National Association of Personal Financial Advisors (NAPFA)**, currently serving on the Northeast Mid-Atlantic Region Board. In this role, I collaborate with other leaders to drive initiatives that support our profession.

Beyond finance, I serve as an Assistant Principal at the non-profit **Russian Language School Olympus** in Potomac, MD, where I contribute to preserving and sharing my native culture and traditions within the community.

As a **Division Director**, my goal would be cultivating an environment where Toastmasters can thrive, empowering members to achieve their personal and professional goals. I believe in inspiring leadership and communication, fostering an inclusive and dynamic space where every member is encouraged to reach their full potential.

In my personal life, I enjoy traveling, cooking, and reading. I am an empty nester with two grown children and share my home with my husband, Aydar, and our cat, Nala.

My diverse experiences as a leader, communicator, and lifelong learner make me excited to contribute to Toastmasters at the Division level.