**Toastmasters members elect Mark J. Lucas to International Board**

San Marino resident becomes new director of global educational organization

**ENGLEWOOD, Colo., Aug. 17, 2024** — Mark J. Lucas, DTM, of San Marino, Calif., has been elected to the Board of Directors of [Toastmasters International](http://www.toastmasters.org), the world’s leading organization devoted to communication and leadership skills development. Lucas was elected to the 2024–2026 two-year term at the organization’s 2024 International Convention, held in Anaheim, Calif., Aug. 14-17.

As a member of the Toastmasters International Board of Directors, Lucas is a “working ambassador” for the organization. He works with the Board to develop and support the policies and procedures that guide Toastmasters International in fulfilling its mission.

Lucas is a seasoned professional in Higher Education Information Technology. As the Associate Director of Data Center Operations at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, he leads strategic planning initiatives for the central campus data center infrastructure, including the high-performance computing infrastructure. Lucas ensures the seamless operation of critical university systems.

Lucas holds a master's degree of science in information security management from the SANS Technology Institute, Bethesda, Maryland. He has received professional recognition, including the California Institute of Technology Spot Award in 2013 for his instrumental role in migrating 10,000 email accounts to Microsoft Office 365 and the Yuri's Night Snoopy Award in 2019 for his outstanding IT support during the Flagship Yuri's Night event in Los Angeles. Lucas actively contributes to nonprofit organizations, organizing events such as Yuri's Night for space exploration enthusiasts and scientists, and serving as Troop Committee Chair for a Boy Scouts of America troop.

A Toastmaster since 2012, Lucas is a member of his home club, Caltech Toastmasters in Pasadena, California. He has held a number of high-profile leadership positions within Toastmasters and has attained the Distinguished Toastmaster designation—the highest level of educational achievement in the organization.

Lucas says, “Toastmasters leadership training provided me the responsibility, competence, and courage to quiet my fears of managing people, concisely and clearly voice my thoughts, and actively participate in the positive future strategy of my organizations.”

**About Toastmasters International**

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that builds confidence and teaches public speaking skills through a worldwide network of clubs that meet online and in person. In a supportive community or corporate environment, members prepare and deliver speeches, respond to impromptu questions, and give and receive constructive feedback. It is through this regular practice that members are empowered to meet personal and professional communication goals. Founded in 1924, the organization is headquartered in Englewood, Colorado with over 270,000 members in more than 14,000 clubs in 150 countries. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit toastmasters.org. Follow @Toastmasters on X (formerly Twitter).

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