



TOASTMASTERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Alan Shaner

2013–2015 International Director, Region 5

Alan Shaner, DTM, of Greenwood, Indiana, is a building and remodeling contractor. As owner of Shaner Interior Contractors, a company he started 29 years ago, Shaner oversees project budgets and estimates, purchasing, billing, marketing, customer service, safety, labor and government compliance. He also cofounded the custom home-building company, Building Dreams, and served on the board for the Walnut Hills Homeowners Association.

After earning three master's degrees—in strategy and tactics, arson and investigation, and hazardous materials—from the Indiana State Fire Marshalls Office in Indianapolis, Shaner continually updated his education for more than 10 years. A Haz-Mat instructor and a fire battalion chief, Shaner maintained a record of no injuries sustained by members of his fire service team. He served as vice president on the board for Hendricks County Emergency Medical Services Council, and retired as a Fire Emergency Medical Services specialist.

A dedicated Toastmaster for 12 years, Shaner has been a member of his home club, Vineyard Toastmasters in Indianapolis, since 2009. 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.

"Toastmasters allows me to continue my education in leadership and communication," he says. "It also gives me a chance to share, teach and mentor others."

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

About Toastmasters

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Headquartered in Rancho Santa Margarita, California, the organization's membership exceeds 292,000 in more than 14,350 clubs in 122 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people of all backgrounds become more confident in front of an audience. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit www.toastmasters.org. Follow [@Toastmasters](https://twitter.com/Toastmasters) on Twitter.