



# TOASTMASTERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## James Sultan

2011–2013 International Director, Region 1

**James Sultan, DTM**, of Kirkland, Washington, serves as a vice president and senior lighting designer for Studio Lux, LLC, where his expertise includes creating and administering business plans. Sultan holds a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minnesota. His career demands that he travel internationally, and he works to bridge cultural gaps in his work environments.

Beyond Toastmasters, Sultan has served on the boards of several nonprofit organizations during the past 37 years. As a Director of the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA) for three years, he created a strategic plan and rebrand for the organization. In 2008, he received the Presidential Award from the IESNA President for his accomplishments and service to the IESNA Membership Committee for more than a decade. At IESNA, he helped establish policies for committee management and reporting. Sultan also served as an officer of the United States National Committee of the International Commission on Lighting (USNC-CIE). As treasurer for that organization, he was responsible for creating budgets and overseeing dues assessments.

A dedicated Toastmaster since 2003, and a member of four clubs in the Seattle area, Sultan has held a number of prominent leadership positions within the organization and has attained the Distinguished Toastmaster designation — the highest level of achievement in Toastmasters. He has been honored as a Distinguished District Governor and has led several high-level Toastmasters teams to noteworthy success.

Sultan is passionate about sharing with the world how Toastmasters members grow through educational programs, effective evaluations, mentoring and leadership opportunities. “Improved communication skills help members better interact with their friends, peers and coworkers and gain the self-confidence they need for future success,” he says.

As a member of the Toastmasters International Board of Directors, Sultan is a “working ambassador” for the organization. He works with the Board to develop, support and modify the policies and procedures that guide the organization in fulfilling its mission. Sultan was elected to his current two-year term in August 2011.

### About Toastmasters

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. Founded in October 1924, the organization currently has more than 270,000 members in 13,000 clubs in 116 countries. Each week, Toastmasters helps more than a quarter million people of every ethnicity, education and profession build their competence in communication so they can gain the confidence to lead others. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).