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Mike Helm

2012–2014 International Director, Region 12

Mike Helm, DTM, from Perth, Western Australia, is employed by the Department of Education Services in the suburb of Osborne Park. He previously held senior executive positions in the Western Australian public service, including Deputy Chief Executive of the Cabinet Department, which assisted the Premier in the development and implementation of major policy initiatives across the government. He also founded Strategic International Services, a conference management business.

Helm earned a master's degree in education from the University of Western Australia, was a recipient of the RG Cameron Prize for Research in Education, and has taught in three Western Australian universities. Helm joined Toastmasters in 2002 and is a member of six clubs. He has held a number of high-profile leadership positions within the organization and has attained the Distinguished Toastmaster designation — the highest level of achievement in Toastmasters. "Toastmasters has given me a range of leadership experiences not often available in work and community activities," he says.

As a member of the Toastmasters International Board of Directors, Helm 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.

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 280,000 members in 13,500 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.**