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Toastmasters members elect Ken Cawley to group's international Board*New director at 250,000-member organization hails from Stockton, California*

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif., Aug. 24, 2009 – Ken Cawley of Stockton, Calif., has been elected to the Board of Directors of [Toastmasters International](http://www.toastmasters.org), the world's leading organization devoted to teaching skills in communication and leadership. Cawley was elected to the two-year term at the organization's 78th annual International Convention, held in August in Mashantucket, Conn.

Cawley has been a Toastmaster since 1990, when he joined to improve his classroom presentation skills. He belongs to the High Spirits of Toastmasters and the San Carlos-Belmont club – both in Belmont, Calif. Cawley has attained the Distinguished Toastmaster designation – the highest level of achievement in the organization; his many leadership positions within Toastmasters have included division governor, Lt. governor education and training, and district governor.

"My main reason for remaining with Toastmasters has been the leadership development aspect of our program," he says. "I wouldn't be exaggerating by saying that the Toastmasters' leadership opportunities I've experienced have been life-changing at both a personal and professional level."

Cawley has had 25 years of professional experience in international marketing and training management. He's currently a customer training manager for Echelon in San Jose, Calif., and also provides technical and training support at the Cinequest Film Festival in San Jose. He is a music lover who plays the keyboard.

About Toastmasters

[Toastmasters International](http://www.toastmasters.org) is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. The organization currently has 250,000 members in 12,000 clubs in 106 countries. Since its founding 85 years ago in October 1924, the organization has helped more than four million men and women give presentations with poise and confidence. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, please visit www.toastmasters.org.

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