**Toastmasters members elect Michael Bown to International Board**

Victoria resident becomes new director of global educational organization

**ENGLEWOOD, Colo., Aug. 20, 2025** — Michael Bown, DTM, of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, 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. Bown was elected to the 2025–2027 two-year term at the organization’s 2025 International Convention, held in Philadelphia, PA, United States, Aug. 20-23.

Bown is an assistant director of plan operations for BC Pension Corporation in Victoria, responsible for empowering and supporting his team to find ways to continue improving processes and introduce changes that increase efficiency, overseeing production of work to ensure service standards, and leading a team of managers to navigate staffing decisions, project needs, budgeting and exception requests. In 2024, he received the CEO Award of Distinction at BC Pension Corporation (only one of 600+ employees is the recipient of this award each year).

Previously, he coordinated an anti-drug film for Human Welfare Service in Hong Kong; he was recognized for these services by the Consul General of Pakistan to Hong Kong as well as the President of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong.

Bown was educated through an advanced pension program at Humber College, received a diploma in English as a Foreign Language from i-to-i Education, achieved a Lean Agile Yellow Belt from Lean Sensei, and became a Professional Scrum Master from Scrum.

A Toastmaster since 2014, Bown is a member of his home club, First Canadian, in Victoria. He has held several high-profile leadership positions within Toastmasters and has attained the Distinguished Toastmaster designation—the highest level of educational achievement in the organization.

Bown says that Toastmasters instills deep confidence, empowering members to elevate themselves and achieve their personal and professional dreams. “Interviews have transformed from intimidating experiences into meaningful dialogues that showcase my suitability for a role,” he says. “I've unlocked opportunities to speak before hundreds, delivering value with confidence.”

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

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