

# SBE 141 Meeting Report and Newsletter

August 2007

by Chapter Chair, Rick Carrara

## Opening/Introductions

I called the meeting to order and passed the Attendance Record around the tables.

## Unfinished Business

### 2007 Chapter Officer Elections

Officer Elections will be held at the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting – just 2 months from now. The nominees are: Rick Carrara for Chapter Chair, Rem Roberti for Vice-Chair, Keane Laguatan for Secretary and Ludwell Sibley for Treasurer. There will be a space for write-ins on the ballot.

### Election Committee

Thanks to Mike Gary, Ellis Feinstein and Karl Sargent for volunteering to work on the Elections committee. (We met briefly after the meeting to discuss distribution of ballots.)

I briefly reviewed the section of our By-Laws regarding elections:

#### ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS

Section 1. Annual elections shall be held at the October meeting. Any member in good standing may vote. Vote is by secret ballot.

Section 2. Ballots shall be mailed to each member at least thirty days prior to the election. **Ballots will be mailed before the end of August. The Elections committee will be contacting members who need to update their mailing addresses.**

Section 3. Ballots may be cast at the election meeting or submitted absentee. Absentee ballots must be submitted at least 10 days prior to the election. **Absentee ballots must be submitted to Mike, Ellis or Karl by October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Section 4. At least ninety days prior to the election, the Nominations Committee shall prepare and disseminate to all members a slate of proposed officers. [The Committee, when possible, shall nominate at least two members for each office. Members of the Committee may not be candidates unless nominated at large from the floor.] **The slate of proposed officers was announced at last month's meeting.**

Section 5. The Elections Committee shall supervise the election, tally to the votes, and notify all candidates and the Secretary of the results. The Secretary shall notify the members of the results in the next monthly mailing. The Election Committee shall arbitrate any election dispute. Its decisions are final.

## Chapter Membership

Our membership is now 21 strong! 7 of our members are have been certified by the SBE.

### Current Chapter 141 members:

Mike Bach – Kathrein / Scala Division

Don Bennett – Kathrein / Scala Division

Matt Boughton – SOPTV

Rick Carrara – KDRV

Jon Clark – Dielectric

Billy Cunningham (CPBE)

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## **Current Chapter 141 members (continued):**

John Cyr

Ellis Feinstein – Kathrein / Scala Division – 2007 Elections Committee

Mike Gary – KMVU – 2007 Nominations Committee & 2007 Elections Committee

Mike Johnson – Kathrein / Scala Division

Keane Laguatan (CBT) – KDRV

Rem Roberti (CBT) – KDRV

David Rose (CPBE) – JPR

Karl Sargent – KOB1 – 2007 Elections Committee

Ludwell Sibley (CSBE)

Keith Silvester – KDRV

Allan Steinberg (CBT) – KDRV – 2007 Nominations Committee

Jim Sute – Clear Channel

Joe Torsitano (CBRE) – KAJ0/KLDR

Tom Werner – SOPTV

Scott Werner – KDRV

## **Programs**

Larry Bloomfield sent us a message last month regarding programs for our meetings:

"I take my job to help Chapter 141 with programs very seriously. I've got programs scheduled up through January '08 and am working on more. I have reserved December so you folks can have a "winter party." That's what we're doing in Eugene. If you are NOT in favor of doing that, please let me know and I'll try to book an educational event for you."

"The reason for this e-mail is to ask you if you have any ideas for topics you'd like to see us have for programs. I have a lot of connections and can probably get just about anything you'd want. All I need is to know what it is."

"There are two programs I'd like you folks to consider:

One is SBE's Ennes Foundation workshops. The Ennes Educational Foundation Trust, through its Education Foundation Committee, offers periodic workshops and seminars around the United States. Programs are typically one day in length and are very affordable. Presentations are non-commercial and focus on technology."

"The other is a VSB Seminar. These day-long /digital/ VSB transmission seminars have been offered around the country for almost 9 years, with more on the way. Gary Sgrignoli conducts these seminars and there is NO ONE more qualified in this subject matter than he. He holds many patents on VSB technology. Portland had one of these several years ago..."

"Both of these two programs would draw engineers from all over the Pacific Northwest. I don't have any problem coordinating either of them, but would like your input on this. There is a fee to attend either, but it is well worth it! I have circulated this same questioner in Eugene and will share it with Portland. I'm awaiting input."

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So the questions raised by Larry are three-fold:

- 1) Do we want Larry to try and book an educational event for December's meeting?  
**Note: Ludwell Sibley has offered to do a presentation on "Broadcast Engineering – 80 years ago". Naturally, we accepted his offer – this should be a fascinating program chock full of the broadcast technologies and methods of the 20's and 30's – so spread the word.**
- 2) Do we have any ideas for topics for programs?
- 3) Are we interested in Ennes workshops – probably to be held in Eugene?
- 4) Are we interested in the VSB Seminar – again, probably to be held in Eugene?

Please feel free to email Larry Bloomfield with your thoughts: [Larry@Tech-Notes.TV](mailto:Larry@Tech-Notes.TV) or if you like, speak with one of our chapter officers and we'll pass on your feedback.

## **New Business**

### **Chapter Member Business**

I asked the membership if there was any other new business for discussion, and there was none.

### **Program**

Steve Lampen of Belden Wire presented: "How big is your Pixel?" This was a terrific program (certainly one of the best we have had so far) with lots of useful information and interesting samples to pass around. We thanked Steve for a great presentation, and for lunch!

### **Next Meeting**

There is no meeting scheduled for September, so our next meeting will be held at the Hungry Woodsman on October 11<sup>th</sup>. We will hold the officer election at this meeting so members, please be sure to bring your ballot with you. If you can't make the meeting, please get the absentee ballot to Ellis, Mike or Karl by the first of October.

For our October program, Sandy Berenics of Wheatstone will discuss Networked Audio and other Audio products. (Wheatstone will cover lunch)

I thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting.