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**Lopez Appointed to Fill SBE Board Vacancy**

***January 31, 2017 - Indianapolis, IN –*** SBE President Jerry Massey has appointed Vinny Lopez, CEV, CBNT, to fill the open position on the SBE Board of Directors. The SBE Executive Committee ratified the appointment during its winter meeting on January 28. The Board seat opened when Wayne Pecena, CPBE, 8-VSB, AMD, DRB, CBNE, was appointed from the Board to take the office of SBE secretary in December 2016. The Board term will end in the fall 2018.

Lopez, who is chief engineer at WSTM/WTVH/WSTQ-Sinclair Broadcast Group, Syracuse, NY, is a member of SBE Chapter 22 Central New York. He is a past president, vice president and secretary of the SBE, and served his first term as a director in 2001. He was elevated to the SBE member grade of Fellow in 2005. He has been the Chapter 22 chair and vice chair and is currently the chapter secretary.

On the appointment, Massey said, "Vinny has an established track record with the SBE, and I'm glad to have him return to service on the Board of Directors. His SBE and industry experience are a valuable asset."

The Society of Broadcast Engineers is the professional organization of television and radio engineers and those in related fields. The SBE has more than 5,000 members in 115 chapters across the United States and in Hong Kong. There are also members in more than 30 other countries. Most chapters meet monthly and offer educational programs and an opportunity to network with other broadcast technical professionals. SBE offers the preeminent technical broadcast certification program in the U.S. and an expansive list of educational programs for broadcast engineers, operators, technicians, and broadcast IT professionals.

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