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**Ornellas Appointed to Fill SBE Board Vacancy**

***March 28, 2017 - Indianapolis, IN –*** SBE President Jerry Massey has appointed Jason Ornellas, CBRE, CRO, to fill an open position on the SBE Board of Directors. The SBE Executive Committee ratified the appointment during a conference call meeting on March 21. The Board seat opened when Mark Simpson, CPBE, AMD, DRB, CBNE, resigned from the Board. Ornellas fills Simpson's unexpired term that will end in the fall 2018.

Ornellas is director of engineering at CBS Radio, Sacramento, CA. He has been an SBE member since 2008, first as a Student Member. He was involved with SBE chapters in Indianapolis, San Francisco and New York City before moving to Sacramento. He is a member of Chapter 43 Sacramento.

On the appointment, Massey said, "Jason expressed interest in serving on the Board in previous SBE elections, so it was a natural choice to ask him to join the Board now. I'm glad to have him with us. At the same time, I'm sorry that Mark Simpson has decided to step down, but I understand his reasons."

Mark Simpson was recently promoted to VP of engineering of Townsquare Media. He was elected to the Board in 2016. He has stepped down from the Board to focus his energy on his new position.

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 114 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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