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**Hand Appointed to Fill SBE Board Vacancy**

***June 11, 2018 - Indianapolis, IN -*** SBE President Jim Leifer has appointed Ted Hand, CPBE, 8-VSB, AMD, DRB, to fill an open position on the SBE Board of Directors. The SBE Executive Committee ratified the appointment during its meeting on June 8. The Board seat opened when Barry Thomas, CPBE, DRB, CBNE, resigned from the Board. Hand fills Thomas' unexpired term that will end in the fall 2019.

Hand is director of engineering/operations at Cox Media Group - Charlotte in Charlotte, NC. He has been an SBE member since 1981, and was elevated to the member grade of Fellow in 2017. He has been involved with SBE chapters in Hampton Roads, VA, and Charlotte, NC. He is a member of Chapter 45 Charlotte, and has served on the SBE board of directors as a director and as secretary.

On the appointment, Leifer said, "Ted has served the SBE locally and nationally for many years, and I welcome him back to the board of directors. At the same time, I'm sorry that Barry Thomas has decided to step down, but I understand his professional reasons."

"I promise to keep working hard as I have in the past years to support the needs of the Society and its membership, especially in supporting the Society's education goals," said Ted Hand on the appointment. "Education is the key to staying ahead in knowledge."

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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