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**SBE Elects Andrea Cummis as President**

***August 26, 2021 - Indianapolis, IN -*** The Society of Broadcast Engineers, the association for broadcast and multimedia technology professionals, announces the results of the 2021 election for the national board of directors. Andrea Cummis, CBT, CTO, was elected as the society's president. Cummis is the chief technical officer of PBS39/WLVT-TV, in Bethlehem, PA. She is the first woman to be elected to hold the office. She is a member of SBE Chapter 15 in New York City.

Regarding the election, President-elect Cummis said, “I look forward to serving the Society and its members. President Wayne Pecena has led the society through an interesting and unusual time, and as everyone looks forward to a return to normal, I'm pleased that the society is still growing and thriving. I’m eager to work with the Board of Directors and the membership so we can expand our membership and outreach to the media professionals among us.”

Others serving one-year terms as officers, which begin on Oct. 11, 2021, are:

• Vice President: Ted Hand, CPBE, 8-VSB, AMD, ATSC3, DRB; Chapter 45 Charlotte; Charlotte, NC

• Secretary: Kevin Trueblood, CBRE, CBNT; Chapter 90 Southwest FL; Ft. Myers, FL

• Treasurer: Jason Ornellas, CBRE, CRO; Chapter 43 Sacramento; Sacramento, CA

Serving two-year terms on the board of directors, which also begin Oct. 11 are:

• Zhulieta Ibisheva, CBTE, CBT; Chapter 50 Hawaii; Honolulu, HI

• Jeff Juniet, CBTE; Chapter 42 Central Florida; Casselberry, FL

• Charles “Ched” Keiler, CPBE, 8-VSB, CBNE; Chapter 53 South Florida; Ft. Lauderdale, FL

• Geary S. Morrill, CPBE, AMD, CBNE; Chapter 91 Central Michigan; Saginaw, MI

• David Ratener, CPBE, CBNT; Chapter 16 Seattle; Seattle, WA

• Dan Whealy, CBTE; Chapter 96 Rockford; Sumner, IA

The national board of directors of the SBE is responsible for the development of policy and determines the programs and services the society provides to its more than 5,000 members. Those elected will begin their terms on Oct. 11, 2021, during the SBE Membership Meeting and Awards Presentation. They will join the other six directors who have another year remaining in their terms:

• Stephen Brown, CPBE, CBNT; Chapter 80 Fox Valley; Appleton, WI

• Roswell Clark, CPBE, CBNT; Chapter 39 Tampa Bay Area; Clearwater, FL

• Kirk Harnack, CBRE, CBNE; Chapter 103 Nashville; Nashville, TN

• Thomas McGinley, CPBE, AMD, CBNT; Chapter 16 Seattle; Missoula, MT

• Shane Toven, CPBE, DRB, CBNE; Chapter 43 Sacramento; Antelope, CA

• Fred Willard, CPBE, 8-VSB, CBNT; Chapter 37 District of Columbia; Washington, DC

Wayne Pecena, CPBE, 8-VSB, AMD, ATSC3, DRB, CBNE, of College Station, TX, continues serving on the board as immediate past president.

The SBE National Meeting and Awards Presentation will be held Oct. 11, 2021 at 5 p.m. PT, during the SBE National Meeting. The National Meeting is being held in Las Vegas during the 2021 NAB Show.

The Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE), a non-profit, professional organization formed in 1964, is devoted to the advancement of all levels and types of broadcast engineering. Operating from our national headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana, SBE is a chapter-based membership association with approximately 5,000 members and 114 local chapters nationwide.

The SBE provides education and training programs to expand technical skills, and its certification program is a standard-bearer for professional competency in broadcast and communications engineering. SBE offers a forum for the exchange of ideas and the sharing of information allowing engineers to keep pace with the rapidly changing broadcast industry. SBE’s frequency coordination program facilitates the use by broadcast engineers of radio spectrum for program and electronic news production. SBE also advocates before Federal agencies and the United States Congress on technical regulatory issues that affect broadcast engineers.

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Editors: High-resolution image of Andrea Cummis:

<http://sbe.org/images/hirez/Cummis_Andrea.jpg>

Additional notes:

The following were incumbents reelected to their positions:

Secretary: Kevin Trueblood, CBRE, CBNT

Ched Keiler, CPBE, 8-VSB, CBNE

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Dan Whealy, CBTE