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**Ted Hand Elected President of the Society of Broadcast Engineers**

***August 16, 2023 - Indianapolis, IN -*** The Society of Broadcast Engineers, the association for broadcast and multimedia technology professionals, announces the results of the 2023 election for the national board of directors. Ted D. Hand, CPBE, 8-VSB, AMD, ATSC3, DRB, was elected to his first one-year term as president, which will commence on Sept. 28, 2023. Ted is a member of SBE Chapter 45 Charlotte (North Carolina), and an SBE Fellow Member.

On his election, Ted said, "I look forward to working with the officers, board and SBE membership to further the goals of the Society, including the SBE education and mentoring efforts, which are important to me. I also want to keep the SBE on the forefront of RF spectrum protection." Ted has been an SBE member since 1981. He is currently serving his second one-year term as SBE vice president. He has served as SBE secretary from 2007 to 2011 and in 2015, and SBE treasurer from 2019 to 2021. He has served on the SBE Board of Directors several times: 2002-2004, 2005-2007, 2013-2015, and in 2018.

Elected to vice president is Kevin Trueblood, CBRE, CBNT, of Chapter 90 Southwest FL. Kevin currently serves as SBE treasurer. Kevin has also served as SBE secretary and served one year on the Board of Directors.

Jason Ornellas, CBRE (Chapter 43 Sacramento), was elected treasurer, a position he also held in 2021. He served on the Board of Directors from 2017 to 2021. Geary S. Morrill, CPBE, AMD, CBNE (Chapter 91 Central Michigan), has been elected secretary. Geary has served on the SBE Board of Directors since 2019.

Serving two-year terms on the board of directors, which also begin Sept. 28 are:

• Terry Douds, CPBE; Chapter 52 Central Ohio; Lancaster, OH

• Brad Humphries, CBT; Chapter 45 Charlotte; Charlotte, NC

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

• Charles "Ched" Keiler, CPBE, 8-VSB, ATSC3, CBNE; Chapter 53 South Florida; Deerfield Beach, FL

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

• Jeff Welton, CBRE; Chester, NS

Ibisheva, Keiler and Ratener were incumbents and were re-elected.

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 4,500 members. Those elected will begin their terms on Sept. 28, 2023, during the SBE Membership Meeting. They will join the other six directors who have another year remaining in their terms:

• David Antoine, CBRE, CBNT; Chapter 15 New York City; Bronx, NY

• Greg Dahl, CPBE; Chapter 96 Rockford; Rockford, IL

• Mark Heller, CPBE; Chapter 80 Fox Valley; Two Rivers, WI

• Tom 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

Andrea Cummis, CBT (Chapter 15 New York City), having served two terms as president, becomes the immediate past president.

The newly elected will be sworn in during the SBE Membership Meeting on Sept. 28 during the SBE National Meeting, held in conjunction with the Midwest Broadcast and Multimedia Technology Conference in Columbus, OH. The conference is a joint production of the state broadcast associations of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Michigan.

The Society of Broadcast Engineers is the professional organization of television and radio engineers and those in related fields. The SBE has more than 4,500 members in 116 chapters across the United States and in Hong Kong and Eastern Europe. There are also members in more than 25 other countries. Most chapters meet monthly and offer educational programs and an opportunity to network with other broadcast technical professionals. The 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.

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. The SBE’s frequency coordination program facilitates the use by broadcast engineers of radio spectrum for program and electronic news production. The SBE also advocates before Federal agencies and the United States Congress on technical regulatory issues that affect broadcast engineers.

For more information about the SBE, contact James W. Ragsdale, executive director, at jragsdale@sbe.org or 317-846-9000, or visit the SBE website, [sbe.org](http://www.sbe.org).

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Editors: High-resolution image of Ted Hand:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rcbB7n3txdNovwCsQYXr-GC5V6vXHqqS/view?usp=drive_link>

Photos of the other officers and directors are available on request.

More information on the SBE election process:

<https://sbe.org/membership-directory/board-elections/>

Following the election, we are frequently asked about candidate eligibility and term limits. Details of SBE officer and director terms and eligibility are in the SBE by-laws:

<https://sbe.org/about/by-laws-ethics/>

Article VIII has nomination details. Articles III and IV outline the candidate eligibility and term limits. Excerpts from the by-laws:

Article III

Section 2. All members of the Board of Directors and all nominees therefore must be members in good standing of the Society and hold a valid SBE Engineering Certification at the time of nomination and throughout all terms of office.

Section 3. The term of the Directors shall be for two years.

Section 4. A Director may be elected to not more than three consecutive terms after which that person must not hold a directorship for two years.

Section 5. All terms of office shall begin and end with the Annual Membership Meeting, the time of which shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall meet following the Annual Meeting, as soon as practicable.

Article IV

Section 2. The President may serve up to two consecutive terms in that office. The Vice President may serve up to two consecutive terms in that office. The Secretary may serve up to four consecutive terms in that office. The Treasurer may serve up to four consecutive terms in that office. No elected person may serve more than ten (10) consecutive years as a director and/or an officer without a break in tenure of at least two years.