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Next Meeting: 2:00 PM at the Out O Town Club, Kaukauna, WI

Chapter 80 Chairman's Corner August 2021

As the summer season is wrapped up, it feels like the items to share just keep growing. So let's get to it.

An award

The collective Wisconsin SBE Chapters received a special recognition from the national SBE. The chapters received a Best Regional Educational Event for the 2020 WBA Broadcasters Clinic held in Madison. I was honored to present the recognition to part of the planning committee.



(not pictured, from chapter 80, Tim Laes)

A New Potential Apprenticeship Development

SBE National Board of Directors Member, and Chapter 80 Treasurer, Steve Brown has been contacted by the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development regarding a potential apprenticeship program the state is looking to start in the Broadcast Engineering field. They are hoping to gather a panel of engineers to serve on an advisory board. Included later in this newsletter are a letter from Steve regarding this opportunity and more on this program that has been going on since 1991.

Speaking of Future Engineers

The SBE Mentor Program continues to grow. I realize how fortunate my career path has been so far in my own growth. Today it afforded me to look at the SBE Mentor Program in an entirely new way. I was able to see the technical setup for the Cumulus stations in downtown Chicago. Then have lunch and pick the mind of Tim Wright with Cumulus. We were talking a little about the SBE and he mentioned the SBE Mentor Program. In particular how someone at the national level was encouraging him to become a mentor. Sitting next to him was one of my colleagues at Relevant Radio. (A guy closer to my age and experience then you would expect to have a mentor).

He then turned to my co-worker and said to him, "I told national that I would consider it if the guy I used to work with...ahem YOU...came back to the SBE. I would love to be his mentor".

My co-worker was honored to hear Tim say that and we began the process of applying for his SBE membership before we made it back to the RR studios.

Sometimes helping a program like the SBE Mentor Program grow is not just stepping up and becoming a mentor. It could be encouraging someone to sign up to become a mentee/protégé.

An Employment Opportunity in the State

Mark Hoenecke, of the Educational Communications Board, asked if I could pass along an employment opportunity. The Operations Center at the Wisconsin Educational Communications Board is looking for a Television Systems Engineer. More information can be found at this link: https://wisc.jobs/Pages/SearchResults.aspx?keywords=3144

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