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The Alaska Chapter of SCTE-ISBE February 2020 Newsletter

In January 2020, five important video standards were updated by the Digital Video Subcommittee (DVS) of the SCTE-ISBE Standards Program. These new and updated coding standards are laying the groundwork for improved and consistent experiences for the consumers in cable networks. The addition of the high dynamic range (HDR) specifications along with high efficiency video coding (HEVC) constraints give guidance to the industry about the direction the cable provider contributors are thinking of going with improved quality of experience for the consumer. Additionally, the audio codec constraints provide practical guidance for operators to ensure a reliable customer experience when listening to their latest programs.

SCTE 128-1 2020 AVC Video Constraints for Cable Television Part 1- Coding

SCTE 193-1 2020 MPEG-4 AAC Family Audio System – Part 1 Coding Constraints for Cable Television

SCTE 193-2 2020 MPEG-4 AAC Family Audio System – Part 2 Constraints for Carriage over MPEG-2 Transport

SCTE 215-1 2020 HEVC Video Constraints for Cable Television Part 1- Coding

SCTE 215-1-1 2020 HEVC Video Constraints for Cable Television Part 1-1 HDR10 Coding

Learn more at scte.org/standards

To get involved in the Alaska Chapter, contact us at thealaskachapter@gmail.com.

Just wanted to share the new SCTE membership brochure:

http://www.scte.org/SCTEDocs/Membership/SCTE21114_MemberBrochure_FNL.pdf

Train Your Brain



The [micro-lessons are awesome!](#) They will work well for the busy technical and non-technical folks alike

Speaking of MicroLessons, they're a complimentary part of our membership along with Primers, MicroLearnings and LightningMods. You can go to the [SCTE.org](http://www.scte.org) website for more information and a list of programs currently available to members.

Your Alaska Chapter is very pleased to announce another valuable, informative and timely training session.

“Stop the Bleed”

Presented by: Paramedic and Chief Instructor Alex Boyd

This session is scheduled for Wednesday, **March 25th**. It will run from **8:30am – 9:30am** and will be hosted at 5151 Fairbanks St. Building B – GCI Field Services

Thank you for your continued support of the SCTE ISBE and your Alaska Chapter!

For more information on SCTE Certifications, please visit: www.scte.org/certification

More from National

Publications and Education Resources such as the [SCTE Bookstore](#), [Primer Series](#), or [LiveLearning Webinars™](#) are filled with in-depth information where you can immerse yourself in existing and new cable technology.

Knowledge and Information Resources such as the [Job Aids and Mobile Apps](#), [Pocket Guides](#) or [SupplierConnect](#) are quick sources for facts, product information and tips to help you excel doing daily job tasks.





Board Bio

Meet ... Tom Spiak, Chairman of the Board and past President

How long have you been on the board and what are you excited about in 2020; **I have been officially on the board for one year and currently serving the second of my two-year term. Last year I served as Chapter President and enjoyed my leadership role and now serving as**

Chairman of the Board. I will be stepping away from official SCTE obligations at the end of this year due to personal obligations that require more of my attention. I have been involved as a member and at the associate member levels since 2012 and it has been a pleasure to participate and support The Alaska Chapter.

Where do you work and for how long; **I am a supervisor in Field Services working with the Business Implementations Technicians handling mostly complex managed install work. This is new territory for me with a new team and feel things are moving in the right direction.**

School/Certs/Special awards (Don't be shy, we want to know them all); **I hold an A.A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice, SCTE-ISBE BDS Certification, and a Telcordia GR- 1275 Certification.**

You are no stranger to (something you spend a lot of your time doing); **I enjoy Salmon fishing but do not nearly do enough of it and I enjoy playing guitar. I am looking to spend more time on the Kenai River with friends and family, the fish are just a bonus. Most of my dedication outside of work now revolves around non-profit work serving the poor.**

Tell me about your family; **I am originally from upstate New York and that is where my family still resides on the small family farm. Resting on 8 acres of hayfield and hardwoods, this land keeps the wildlife in abundance for hunting season and is a beautiful environmental green space. Upstate NY has four distinct seasons with fall being my favorite. This is far from the city life! I have an older sister who is a substitute teacher and a musician.**

What is your favorite quote; **I alone cannot change the world; but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.**

Childhood or Adult hero;
Mother Teresa.

Quote of the Month

**Paper
Cut**

**A tree's final
moment of
revenge**



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