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### **The Alaska Chapter of SCTE-ISBE April 2019 Newsletter**

It seems that something is happening every month. Most of the time there are a lot of things happening and April is no different. April is seeing a transition of the newsletter responsibilities to Chastine Lynch for one. Thank you so much Chastine for stepping up. Chastine is located in Ketchikan so we should be getting more information about that area as well as Anchorage. If you want to see more of what is going on in the regions, well send it on in. It doesn't have to be tech related or even SCTE related.

April is also Distracted Driving Awareness Month so clean those windshields, don those sun glasses and pay attention to the road and what is around you.

The Alaska Chapter holds BOD meetings typically once a month on Wednesdays at noon, and we always have a conference bridge setup for those outside of Anchorage, or who are busy in the field. An email should be going out shortly with the conference bridge number for this months meeting so keep your eye out for that one. If you are not receiving those emails, drop us a line and tell us to get on the ball and let you know how to

participate.

This month also starts the 'I want to go to the National Expo this year' contest. Send us an email as to why you think you should go. Don't forget to tell us who you are and where you are, sort of a brief bio will work. A winner will be selected at our Annual Vendor Show coming up May 8th at the Alaska Airlines Center. You do not have to be present to win.

To get involved in the Alaska Chapter, contact us at [thealaskachapter@gmail.com](mailto:thealaskachapter@gmail.com).

Be Safe. Have Fun.

Just wanted to share the new SCTE membership brochure:

[http://www.scte.org/SCTEDocs/Membership/SCTE21114\\_MemberBrochure\\_FNL.pdf](http://www.scte.org/SCTEDocs/Membership/SCTE21114_MemberBrochure_FNL.pdf)

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## Training On The Fly



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

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://SCTE.org) website for more information and a list of programs currently available to members.

***Your Alaska Chapter is pleased to announce more valuable and informative training sessions***

**"Underground Facilities Locating – Best Practices"** will be presented by Gary Moss with RJM Precision Instruments.

Attend and learn all about the fundamental principles of utility locating:

- Best practices for locating in congested areas
- Easy methods to confirm you are on your target line

- General locator theory that applies to all locators

This session is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24th . It will run from 9:00am – 11:00am and will be hosted at 5151 B Fairbanks St in Anchorage.

*Stay tuned for future announcements regarding potential webinar log-in information.*

### ***Alaska Chapter Safe Digging Training Session***

Presented by Daniel Hansen, Enstar Natural Gas

Topic: Safe Digging – Know What’s Below. Gain valuable insight when it comes to safe digging practices

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Location: GCI - 5151 B Fairbanks St., Anchorage, AK

Questions: Tom Spiak, [tspiak@gci.com](mailto:tspiak@gci.com)

“**Grounding and Bonding – Best Practices**” will be presented by Roger Draper w/ PPC.

Attend and learn all about the fundamental principles of Grounding and Bonding. **Safety! Safety! Safety!**

This session is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 1st** . It will run from 8:15am – 9:30am and will be hosted at 5151 B Fairbanks St in Anchorage.

**We will also make this session available to you via webinar. Stay tuned for future announcements regarding log-in information.**

### **SCTE•ISBE LiveLearning Webinars™**

#### ***New from Light Reading***

Maintaining an HFC Network

[Upcoming Webinars](#)

[Webinars Archives](#)

[Webinars Calendar](#)

Date / Time: Thursday, April 18, 2019, 11:00 a.m. New York / 7:00 a.m Anchorage

#### **Overview**

While industry technologists love to expound on their plans to upgrade and expand the cable HFC network to deliver new services, it’s at least as critical to monitor, manage and maintain the network to deliver existing services. And such maintenance work will only become more important as the HFC network becomes more complex and sophisticated. In this session, we’ll look at the key maintenance functions of network testing, measurement, fiber connectorization and cleaning.

[Register Here](#)

#### **You're Not As Safe As You Think You Are Presented by National Safety Council**

**11 a.m. (CT) Tuesday, April 23**

Distracted Driving continues to have devastating consequences on our roads, sending a ripple effect into our homes, communities and places of work. You're not as safe as you think you are. However, there are things that

workplaces are doing to protect their employees and ultimately, other drivers on the road. NSC Senior Program Manager Lisa Robinson will discuss the real risks of distracted driving and what safety-forward companies are doing to combat those risks.

[Register for this free webinar here.](#)

### *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.



**Did you know...**

#### **Catherine Oakes Memorial Leadership Scholarship for Women**



**Catherine Oakes, former Senior Vice President, Operations at SCTE, was**

**a key contributor in the cable telecommunications industry, a great leader, mentor and friend who will be missed by many.**

[Read More About Catherine and Her Accomplishments](#)

The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize and reward women currently working in the cable telecommunications industry's technical workforce, or those who aspire to. One annual scholarship recipient may use the funds toward registration in an industry leadership development or executive education program, such as SCTE-Tuck Executive Leadership Program, SCTE-Georgia Tech Management Development Program, or a similar industry education program.

### **Catherine Oakes Memorial Leadership Scholarship For Women**

\$3,500—Awarded annually to a woman pursuing leadership in telecommunications

This year's winner will receive \$3,500 to go towards being selected to participate in WICT's 2019 Rising Leaders Program.

Click [here](#) to apply. Applications due by May 1, 2019.

*All applications were reviewed and selected by past [Women in Technology Award winners](#).*

### **Keep Employees Safe on the Road with Help From NSC**

Distracted Driving Awareness Month is a united effort to recognize the dangers of distracted driving and eliminate the preventable deaths that it causes.

Every day, at least nine Americans die and 100 are injured in distracted driving crashes. Cell phones, dashboard touchscreens, voice commands and other in-vehicle technologies pose a threat to our safety. The consequences of those distractions are not worth the convenience they offer.

As car crashes are the #1 cause of workplace death, with distraction being a leading factor, we ask that you join us and be a part of the effort to save lives. Hang the below poster in common areas, read the 5-Minute Safety Talk at the start of your next meeting and email or handout the checklist to employees. Make sure you use all of the resources found in this newsletter and on the [NSC website](#) to send the message to #justdrive - not just during Distracted Driving Awareness Month, but always.

- 5-Minute Safety Talk - [Impairment: It's Not Just Alcohol](#)
- Poster - [Distraction: It Kills](#)
- Checklist - [Breaking Bad Habits](#)

### **Take the Pledge**

Play an active role in keeping our roads safe by making a commitment to yourself and your coworkers that you will eliminate distractions while driving.

[Pledge to be an Attentive Driver](#)

### **Did You Know**

Did you know that SCTE is a proud supporter of numerous STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education and career initiatives.

STEM education will be vital to the future of our industry as we work to drive increased engineering literacy and up-and-coming innovators to create the cable networks and technologies of tomorrow. SCTE is also in alliance with the US First Robotics program. If you haven't seen a US First program yet,

you need to make it a point to do so. You can get more information on the program by email [USFirst@scte.org](mailto:USFirst@scte.org).



**Congratulations are in order for these certified members!**

Are you certifiable? Did you recently earn your certification? Don't be shy. Let us know about it and we'll help you along with the bragging rights.

Brian Middleton - BPE

William Eagle - BPI

You may take the [Demo Exam](#) and/or [read about the exam platform](#) to see how exams are administered. Read the [Testing Policies Summary](#)

Need assistance paying for certification? [SCTE•ISBE Foundation has resources.](#)



**What is ANSI? – Understanding Why ANSI is Important to You**

While worker safety is generally regarded as a high priority, sometimes figuring out how best to protect employees in the workplace requires information and insight the average employer simply doesn't possess. That's why businesses adhere, either by mandate or voluntarily, to safety standards established by third-party organizations. Among the oldest and most active of these bodies is the [American National Standards Institute](#) (ANSI).

ANSI is a not-for-profit organization that serves as "the voice of the U.S. standards and conformity assessment system." In short, ANSI takes on the responsibility for bringing together representatives from government, industry, academia, and the public to develop voluntary, consensus standards aimed at strengthening U.S. business competitiveness while protecting the safety and health of consumers and the environment.

[Check out this link for more...](#)

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