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The Alaska Chapter of SCTE-ISBE December 2018 Newsletter

We at the Alaska Chapter sincerely hope that everyone is safe and unscathed by our recent earthquake. Some of us are still in clean up mode, while others were working around the clock to keep our systems up and running. Our hardhats off to you, but only for a short time as south central makes its way through the aftershocks.

November Elections

Congratulations goes out to our newest members of the board.

Chastine Lynch of KPU Telecommunications

Victor Esposito

Jerry Cochran

Tom Spiak

and Barry Abisor

It is always good to see new members joining the board as well as welcoming previous board members coming back. We are an incredibly strong and energetic chapter and with our new board and associate board members,

it is safe to say that we will continue to serve our membership on all fronts.

This month the board will hold its Directors meeting and our membership appreciation meeting. Keep you eyes on your emails for the member appreciation date. This meeting gives the membership an update on how we did in 2018 and where we hope to be in 2019. As always, your participation is appreciated and needed.

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. This month our meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, December 6th. An email should be going out shortly with the conference bridge number. Keep your eye out for that one.

To get involved in the Alaska Chapter, contact us at 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

Training On The Fly



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

[New White Paper Available!](#) Cutting Energy Use With Distributed Access Architecture. This white paper evaluates the potential energy savings of bringing the traditional PHY and MAC layers of the cable headend closer to the cable customer. The paper looks at how cable operators can leverage and adapt proven architectural approaches from other, adjacent industries to create massive scale, efficiently and effectively. It also examines if, and when, cable operators might be able to eliminate some of their cable edge facilities altogether.

SCTE Member Benefit SCTE•ISBE

LiveLearning Webinars™

LiveLearning Webinars are a series of live, interactive, web-based seminars offered on the third Thursday of every month.

LightningMods

LightningMods are part of our [CORTEX](#) VirtuLearn™ training platform. A revolutionary, interactive, multisensory MicroLesson that engages the brain to make learning stick! In as little as 10 minutes, learners get a clear and concise overview of a topic, framing objectives in context that learners understand. SCTE•ISBE has over 35 LightningMods and is currently offering the following three as sample content for members only:

1. What is Fiber Deep?
2. What is EPON?
3. Introduction to DOCSIS 3.1 Installation

Learn more about LightningMods [here](#).

Primers

Primers answer the question “What is” in less than 2 minutes. Primers are an interactive, multisensory MicroLesson

The following Primers are new for 2018 and may be accessed through the “**My Learning**” tab of your account page.

- What is Fiber Deep?
- What is R-PHY (DAA)?
- What is DOCSIS 3.1?
- What is OFDM?
- What is 5G?

SCTE•ISBE has over 30 Primers available to members only. Archived Primers may be viewed on the links below:

- [Archived Primers](#) (members only)
- [Spanish Primers](#) (members only)

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.

Training Around The Chapters

Grounding & Bonding Safety

Monday December 17th @ 8am please join the Mt. Rainier for a class on why Grounding & Bonding is important and steps to ensure it is done safely and correct.

[Click here for training details](#)



Did you know...

Winter Driving Dangers



Winter weather and road conditions generally become more hazardous, increasing the risk of a crash.

On average, 6,000 people are killed and 445,000 are injured in weather-related motor vehicle crashes each year. Help keep safe on and off the job by sharing these tips.

Parking lot/garage safety: Holiday shopping and social events can mean driving in more congested areas with street or off-street parking. Low driving speeds in parking lots and garages may make it seem safer to use cell phones or interact with the infotainment screen while driving, but these activities are not safe. In fact, parking lots are especially dangerous because distracted drivers are looking for spaces and pedestrians of all ages are walking between cars and across roadways. Always look over your shoulder before backing up, even if your car has a backup camera.

Party safety: Whether it's a company party or a gathering at home, allowing employees or guests to leave a party unfit to drive could have deadly consequences. Remember, [impairment begins with the first drink](#). As they leave, ensure that drivers are not impaired by alcohol, drugs or fatigue.

Plan ahead by asking party guests to:

- Designate a sober driver who will not drink any alcohol
- Use a taxi or ride-share company to and from the party
- Reserve a nearby hotel room and have a sober driver take them there after the party

Weather safety: Winter weather presents extreme driving hazards in the form of ice, snow, strong winds and longer hours of darkness — often two or more hazards at the same time. Drivers need to relearn tactics such as lengthening distance between vehicles, slowing down as they approach bridges and more. In addition to windshields needing to be clear, sensors and cameras on newer vehicles need to be cleaned and cleared as well in order to function.

For a refresher on safe driving in winter weather, take the NSC 20-minute Defensive Driving Course [Weather and Road Conditions](#).

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.



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.

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.](#)



5-Minute Safety Talk: A Guide to Portable Fire Extinguishers:

You know fire extinguishers are important and understand their basic function. But are you aware if your organization has extinguishers, and if so, which types are installed, where they are located, and how to correctly use and maintain them? Portable fire extinguishers can be extremely effective in combating small fires within the workplace. However, not all extinguishers are the same. There are different classes for different types of fires. Proper selection and placement of extinguishers is extremely important. It's also essential that once installed, the units are carefully, regularly inspected and maintained, and all employees are trained on proper use.

Get the complete message and handouts by clicking on this link: [A Guide to Portable Fire Extinguishers](#)



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