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A new year is upon us and the 2009 Board of Directors is very excited about what lies ahead for the Piedmont Chapter SCTE. In this introductory issue of our quarterly newsletter, we'll highlight some important changes for 2009, introduce our Board of Directors, summarize our recent technical session and outline our upcoming meeting as well as a road map for future events.

You will notice several important changes this year. First, the Chapter has decided to waive Technical Session fees for SCTE members who register before the meeting. Easy on-line registration is available at www.scte.org. Just click on event calendar, find the session and register. SCTE certification testing will be offered at select meetings with mentors and laptops on hand, first come first served. Vendor Day and the Golf Tournament have been moved back to back in the spring. Also check our chapter website at <http://www.piedmontscte.org/>.

We have nine Board Members and seven Associate Board Members that are here to work for you. Please take a moment to review the bios section as you'll likely be working with them in the future.

The mission of the SCTE is to provide technical leadership for the telecommunications industry and serve its members through

Jeff McLaughlin, of Charter Communications, will act as the new President of the Piedmont Chapter for 2009. Jeff has been in the CATV industry for 20 years and has been a member of SCTE since 2001.



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Technical Sessions

At our January 21st meeting in Durham, NC, **Larry Ross** of **Alpha** discussed all issues associated with stand by and non-stand by powering. **Ken Kriz**, Regional Manager (Headend Product) with **Alpha**, discussed DC and UPS strategies for Headend Powering. He then continued with a discussion on Alternative energy powering. Breakfast was sponsored by **Arris**. **Microsat** and **Exide** sponsored the lunch. We would all like to thank Time Warner for providing the meeting location.

We are very excited about our March 18 technical session which will take place at **Corning Cable Systems** in Hickory, NC. For this meeting, the focus will be on RFOG and cellular backhaul with a tour of the plant in the afternoon. Please refer to detailed information included in the technical session announcement. Also, remember registration is free if you register on-line.



Operators spend time with vendor partners at the annual Piedmont Chapter Vendor Day held at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem, NC (above).

Last December, the Board of Directors spent a day in Greensboro outlining the important initiatives for the Piedmont Chapter for 2009



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2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date	Location
Technical Session	Jan 21, 2009	Durham, NC
Technical Session	Mar 18, 2009	Hickory, NC
Vendor Day	May 6, 2009	Winston-Salem, NC (Benton CC)
Annual Golf Tournament	May 7, 2009	TBD
Technical Session	Jul 15, 2009	Salisbury, NC
Technical Session	Sept 16, 2009	Greensboro, NC
Technical Session	Nov 18, 2009	Rock Hill, SC

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2009 Board Members

Jeff Skelnick, of Charter Communications, served as President of the Piedmont Chapter Board for two years. Though Skelnick will pass the Presidential torch to Jeff McLaughlin in 2009, he will serve as Chairman of the Board for the chapter.

Jeff McLaughlin, will take the reins as the new President of the Piedmont Chapter for 2009. Jeff, Senior Technical Trainer at Charter Communications has been in the industry since 1988 and a member of SCTE since 2001.

Johnny Beck, Headend Operations Manager at Lexcom Communications, will return to the chapter as 1st Vice President this year. Johnny has been in the CATV industry for 26 years and has been a member of the SCTE for 14 years. He has an AS in Broadband Technical Management from NCTI / Arapahoe C.C. Johnny has also received certification as a NCTI Master Technician.

Steve Johnson, President of Johnson Telecom, will serve as Treasurer of the Chapter. Steve has 31 years of experience in CATV and has been a SCTE member for 31 years. In his many years of service to the SCTE, Steve is a former Regional Director (Region 10) and has served as Vice Chairman (2006-2008) and Chairman of the Board (1996-2002). Steve is also a member of the SCTE Engineering Committee.

Kim Lambert, of Tulsat, will continue as Secretary of the chapter.

Dave Stuart, Sales Representative at John Weeks Enterprises, Inc., has been a member of the SCTE for 21 of his 32 overall years in the industry. He returns to the Piedmont Chapter Board for 2009.

Sadie Huene, of Arris Corporation, will also return to the board for 2009.

Mark Eagle, of Time Warner Cable

Jason Keever, Regional Sales

Manager of SMC Networks will be joining the Piedmont chapter for 2009.

He worked for Corning Cable Systems for three and a half years, the National Cable Television Cooperative (NCTC) for three years, and has been a member of the SCTE since 2001.

Charles Dillard, Technical Trainer with Charter Communications will return as an Associate Board Member.

Steve Williams, Director of the Regional NOC for Time Warner, will be returning to the chapter as well.

Mark Nicholson, Times Fiber, will continue with his support of the Piedmont Chapter.

Jim Myers, of Time Warner Cable will return to the chapter in 2009.

Mark Nicholson, of Times Fiber Company, will join as Associate Board Member this year.

Charles Dillard, of Charter Communications, will also participate on the board in 2009.

Associate Board Members

Rick Hollowell, of ComSpec Corporation, is a Senior Member of the SCTE and will serve as Associate Board Member for the Piedmont Chapter. He has 40 years of experience in CATV / Broadcasting and has been a SCTE member for 29 years.

Ed Gebauer, Technology Integration Specialist for Time Warner Cable, will serve as Associate Board Member. Ed has 32 years of industry experience and has been a member of the SCTE for 12 years. Ed certifications include: BPS, BPT, BDS, BTS, BCT and BTCS.

Michael Cooke, of Microsat will return as an Associate Board Member for the chapter. Michael resides just outside of Atlanta, GA.

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