



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Get involved in your local Section!

It's one of the many ways you can network, share expertise, gain first-hand knowledge of new technologies, and get refreshed! Connect with the colleges and universities in your area; involve students and faculty in local Section activities; invite your colleagues, employer, or your staff!

Section Officers and Managers put every effort and expertise into promoting and planning a Section meeting every month. Many of these meetings are held at excellent venues: colleges and universities; manufacturers and user companies; production and post-production facilities; and broadcast facilities in motion imaging. Many SMPTE Sustaining Member companies regularly host Section meetings, with excellent speakers and professionals in the various fields of motion picture, television, motion imaging, and computers who give presentations, seminars, and conferences. SMPTE partners with other recognized organizations, such as ASC, ICG, SBE, IEEE, and AES to provide provocative programs.

Get a glimpse of new technology first hand!

Here are some of the topics discussed at Section meetings last month:

- Efficiency in Management of Graphical Content—*Atlanta*
- Format Agnostic Post Production—*Chicago*
- The Versatile TSM1000A, a Transport Stream MUX, Switch, Opportunistic Data and PSIP Inserter, Stream Groomer, Re-badger, and PID Processor—*Dallas/Ft. Worth*
- Special Session presented by the American Society of Cinematographers and the International Cinematographers Guild—*Hollywood*
- Harnessing Digital Technology and Planning for the Future—*New England*
- Optical Fiber Modules for Constructing Television Systems—*New York*
- Broadcast Plant Emergency Preparedness—*Ohio*
- A Digital Station Tour of WIVB-Buffalo, with a Review of the Role of Standards in DTV—*Rochester*
- Tour of Content Distribution Facility. Crown Distributes both PAL and NTSC Programming World-wide—*Rocky Mountain*
- DTV/HDTV Update—*Sacramento*
- Wired and Wireless: Making the Connections—*San Francisco*
- Comparison of Compression Technologies—*Toronto*
- WEBE/DC SMPTE Convention—Topics: MPEG, Fiber Transmission, Timing Issues (analog and digital), TCP/IP, Tapeless News Facility, Newsroom Automation, Enhanced 8-VSB—*Washington, DC*

Section websites are another source of information. They don't just list the next meetings; they offer other group links, past meeting reports, and upcoming events! Check out your local Section's website and others at **www.smpte.org**!

Contact your local Section Officer. Get involved!