

Message from the President

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Happy New Year! This year bodes well for SMPTE as we continue our work on improving the Society and our services to you, our members.

In 2005, SMPTE continued our educational programs with our regular conferences in Atlanta, in conjunction with the Video Services Forum, and our annual Technical Conference and Exhibition in New York. Both events were well attended and featured excellent papers, presentations, and exhibits. One highlight was the Honors and Awards Ceremony, which also featured a highly professional video, stressing the importance of membership in SMPTE, under the leadership of NYU students Scott Gerber and Stephen Gnoza, overseeing a full production team of NYU Student Section members. We also heard a wonderful speech by Professor Sandra Sollod Poster of the Borough of Manhattan Community College, City University of New York, thanking SMPTE for our support and help in obtaining a sizeable grant from the National Science Foundation. The school was able to raise \$900,000, thanks to SMPTE's help. Well done!

The Australia Section had their biennial conference in July and I was honored to be able to attend for a short time, as well as visit the Engineering Meetings that were held at the Australia Film Television and Radio School. In addition to these regular conferences, we again produced the SMPTE D-Cinema Day at NAB. More than 500 people participated in that event, and learned of the latest work in-progress as we roll out D-Cinema.

This year, we will again produce the Saturday D-Cinema Day at NAB. Topics to be covered include a



technology session on Projection including the new 4K projection systems, 3-D D-Cinema, requirements for the production of D-Cinema materials from intermediates through release masters, and a review of the practical experiences during the first large-scale deployments now under way. Be sure to mark your calendars—Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23. You can register at the NAB website, and be sure to mention you are a SMPTE Member to obtain the special registration price.

The Fall Conference returns to the west coast this year and, with a change in venue, will be held at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel in Los Angeles, CA, October 18-21, 2006. Don't miss this event.

We moved headquarters this past August and are now in the new building at 3 Barker Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601. I'd like to thank the headquarters staff for all their help in making the move smoothly and successfully. The main telephone number remains the same, however, you can now dial the staff directly. An updated phone listing is available at the SMPTE website under the "Contact Us" link. Speaking of contacts, please take some time to review your own listing in the "Members" area. Without your correct e-mail address, we can't send meeting and other important notices. We do respect privacy and do not sell or provide your information to third parties. If you do not have a password, follow the directions to obtain one by e-mail.

This year, many important standards will be reaching finalization including multiple standards and recommended practices related to D-Cinema and compression. Stay tuned and have a terrific 2006!