



## **SMPTE Executive Director Kimberly Maki Steps Down**



By Ken Fuller

The past month was one of major change for our organization. Kimberly Maki has stepped down from her position as Executive Director of SMPTE to take a position as the Vice President of Corporate Communications for Bright House Networks. I want to take this opportunity to formally thank Kimberly and to provide you with an update on our plans for identifying a new Executive Director for the Society.

Kimberly's decision to leave SMPTE was multi-faceted and a difficult one. I personally want to thank her for her dedication and service to SMPTE. She has been an advocate worldwide for the advancement of the engineering profession on a strategic leadership level. She represented us well, because of her belief in the Society, our mission, and work. She championed many new initiatives on behalf of our organization that have made a significant difference in the industry and to SMPTE's legacy. Her boundless enthusiasm and energy in representing SMPTE on a global level will be missed on multiple continents.

We wish Kimberly future success as she takes on a new corporate role within the cable telecommunications industry.

In this period of change, my job is to ensure that the energy on the forward progress of our Society continues. SMPTE has seen many changes, and its members have supported multiple activities and efforts to make it the important and enduring organization that it is today. To find the best new Executive Director—one that can continue to lead SMPTE forward as the role of digital technologies become greater and new applications and markets proliferate—I have appointed a Search Committee, chaired by Past President Charles Jablonski, to identify potential candidates for the position. The committee has already begun its work and I will report progress to you regularly.

In the meantime, the staff will continue to support the membership as well as the upcoming SMPTE 2009: Annual Tech Conference and Expo ([www.smp.te.2009.org](http://www.smp.te.2009.org)). In other words, it is business as usual. Thank you all for your continued support. SMPTE is proud to serve its members and excited for this new phase!

Congratulations Kimberly, you will be missed.

Everyone else—See you in Hollywood in October!