

## Toronto February 2020

The Toronto Section meeting held on 11 February 2020 focused on students. All of the presentations were organized and targeted at students. Before the meeting, students, members, non-members, and presenters were given time to network, while enjoying pizzas and drinks. Tony Meerakker began the evening with a presentation on SMPTE, describing what the organization does and why students



Presenters: Tony Meerakker (standing). L-R: Jerry Henroteaux, Cliff Lavalee, Ryan Morris, Peter Armstrong, Gloria Lee, David Corley, and Mary Ellen Carlyle.

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should join. Ryan Morris with Arista followed with a discussion on Internet Protocol (IP) for broadcasting and media. Given the technical complexity of this subject, Morris put this topic into a presentation that was easy to understand. Peter Armstrong explored color theory in television systems back to the days of black-and-white. David Corley from DSC Labs addressed the merits of color charting in a production setting. Gloria Lee from Graymeta provided a presentation on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it relates to the process of broadcasting and streaming. The meeting continued with a captivating presentation by both Cliff Lavalee and Jerry Henroteaux from TFO. Their presentation focused on the virtual and immersive worlds in broadcasting. This provided students with insight into what is possible in a studio and



Attendees at the Toronto Section meeting.



Student asks question during Q & A session.

members of the SMPTE Toronto board was that this meeting should become an annual event.

On an additional note, 52 pizzas were consumed during the pre-meeting networking session. 14 leftover were taken to the Fred Victor Mission in Toronto. All in all, it was a win-win evening for attendees.

—Tony Meerakker  
Section Chair

in a shooting stage. The evening ended with a talk by Mary Ellen Carlyle with Dome Production on the future of broadcasting, with a special focus on the sports world.

The presentation was followed by a Q & A session. With majority of the questions from the students, the session took a longer time than was allotted. The takeaway for the

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