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**Letter from the President:
Rex Kohart**

Hello again, we are about to close the books on a very productive and successful year for our Chapter. The entire Rocky Mountain Chapter should feel a special pride for the collaborative, professional, and enthusiastic spirit that this chapter has come to be known for. This chapter's positive personality and atmosphere is created by all of you, and it is quite evident. It has been easily recognized by the national leaders that have visited us this year. Our Board members and friends of the board have routinely received accolades, formal and informal, written and verbal, commenting on these traits. Functioning as a successful industry society is the whole reason for the existence of this Chapter. Thank you for helping to create this rare and special environment.

I hope you had a chance to return your Election Ballot to Steve Murphy in our Election Committee. Your input is vital to the continued success and leadership of our Chapter. We have had great response in years past, and our affiliated members have always taken an active role in this critical decision process. Election results will be announced on December 31st.

I want to take this time to give the Board, and Friends of the Board, wholehearted thanks for a job well done. It is a true blessing to be surrounded by such an adept and consummate team of professionals. Their attitudes and varied backgrounds create the perfect recipe for a distinctive and dynamic environment.

I also want to send out a special Thanks to a long time stalwart of the Board, **Pat Wike**. Pat will become a "Special" Friend of the Board after this year's election cycle. Pat's involved style, communicative leadership, timely guidance, and spot on humor has been a key ingredient in creating a successful culture inside the Chapter. Although he has decided to take a less active role, rest assured his continued counsel as a Friend of the Board will ensure the board maintains a focused and robust stance in supporting the chapter.

In closing we will kick off the 2010 year with the yearly planning session January 8th. Looking at some of the topics and activities that have already been discussed, next year is sure to be a special and exciting time for the Rocky Mountain Chapter. Thanks for being a part of it.

Rex Kohart

SCTE Rocky Mountain Chapter President

Rocky Mountain Chapter Recognized Twice at SCTE Expo

If you were not able to make it to this year's Expo in Denver, we posted a few highlights on our YouTube channel. I think I recognize a few friendly faces!

<http://www.youtube.com/user/SCTEVIDEO>

FRANK EICHENLAUB OF CISCO IS SCTE MEMBER OF THE YEAR

OCT. 28, 2009 (Denver, CO)-The Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers (SCTE) is pleased to announce today that Frank Eichenlaub of Cisco Systems is the 2009 SCTE Member of the Year.

The SCTE Member of the Year Award is presented to an individual whose exceptional efforts have advanced the mission and success of the Society during the past year.



Eichenlaub received the 2009 SCTE Member of the Year Award during the Annual Awards Luncheon at SCTE Cable-Tec Expo(r) 2009, at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver.

Bill DesRochers, who was the 2003 SCTE Member of the Year and is the chairman of the SCTE Member of the Year Award Subcommittee, presented the award.

"Our 2009 SCTE Member of the Year owns a contagious desire to see SCTE and its members become all that they can be," said DesRochers. "That's why he has welcomed the many challenges that he has taken on this past year."

Those challenges included the vital role of chairing the SCTE Executive Search Committee. This committee's job was to identify the best candidate among nearly a hundred prospects to fill the SCTE President/CEO vacancy. Mark Dzuban earned that distinction and became SCTE president/CEO in February.

Dave Robinson of EquiVision, in nominating Eichenlaub as the 2009 SCTE Member of the Year, said this year's honoree "coordinated disparate stakeholders for a consensus in the selection process for the SCTE president." Robinson also said that Eichenlaub displayed "total commitment to SCTE national-level and chapter-level engagements, equities, economics, and sustainability."

The 2009 SCTE Member of the Year has admirably represented the interests and concerns of those who elected him as SCTE Region 2 Director for the SCTE Board of Directors, as evidenced by his re-election earlier this year to a third consecutive two-year term. His region comprises Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, and his home state of Colorado. Eichenlaub has eagerly and effectively served on the SCTE Board of Director's Executive Committee as Western Vice Chair and as the SCTE Membership Committee chair.

Eichenlaub has a big heart for local SCTE chapters and actively supports them throughout his region, most notably the SCTE Rocky Mountain Chapter in Colorado. Management of websites for the various chapters is among his contributions on the local level.

Through practical discussions, the 2009 SCTE Member of the Year has helped his fellow SCTE Regional Directors this year to become more focused on the chapters they represent.

Wanting to see local chapter leaders maximize their contributions to the SCTE mission, this year's honoree delivered a seminar at SCTE Chapter Leadership Conference (CLC) 2009 in Salt Lake City titled "Overview of a Board Member's Role and Responsibilities."

As SCTE Membership Committee chair and SCTE Region 2 Director, Eichenlaub continues to encourage and support the Society's development of programs for all members, including technicians and installers.

Eichenlaub has been instrumental this past year with the rollout of new SCTE membership types, including the SCTE Lifetime Membership and the SCTE Emeritus Membership. He softened the effect of SCTE's first member dues increase in five years by helping to construct an expanded discount option.

As SCTE Membership Committee chair, Eichenlaub helped to bring about some new SCTE member benefits this year, including a free subscription to digital CED magazine and special savings on auto insurance through a new affinity program with GEICO.

The 2009 SCTE Member of the Year Award culminated the Annual Awards Luncheon at Expo and fittingly in Denver since Eichenlaub, systems engineer with Cisco Systems, resides just south of the Mile High City in Highlands Ranch, Colo.

Eichenlaub has been an SCTE member since 1987 when a prominent member of the Society, Ron Hranac, hired him to join Jones Intercable. The new hire operated the company's corporate engineering lab, developing many programs from installer certification to product standardization and purchasing.

In the early '90s, Eichenlaub departed Jones to join the TCI corporate team and became more involved in field engineering issues as well as developing specific optical systems practices and specifications. He departed TCI in 1993 and started working for Antec as a fiber-optics instructor. He later became a sales engineer in the international sales group and continued in that role domestically for several years.

Eichenlaub then became a senior staff engineer with Scientific-Atlanta, involved in training and engineering and also in the development of new products in the rapidly changing cable telecommunications world. As noted, he is now systems engineer with Cisco Systems.

Known for being generous with his time, this honoree has continued to serve as a registered speaker and certification proctor for SCTE.

More information about SCTE awards and recognition is available at www.scte.org, including a list of past recipients of the SCTE Member of the Year Award.

Appreciation letter from Headquarters

Dear Rocky Mountain Chapter Board and Friends,

You are all amazing! After visiting the Rocky Mountain Chapter Vendor Show in June, I knew your chapter is populated with very capable, enthusiastic, and friendly members. But I was blown away by your support of the SCTE Bookstore at Cable-Tec Expo. I cannot thank you enough for your hard work in setting up and packing up the bookstore publications.

SCTE added over 25 new publications to the Bookstore for this year's Expo, so we knew it was going to be a big job to unpack and display all those titles. And the new design of the bookstore meant that all the copies would be on display instead of keeping some in boxes and replenishing the shelves as they were sold. That also meant that packing up on Friday would be a bigger job than usual. But you came in ready to work with enthusiasm, strong backs, and most of all your TIME during a busy work week. Thank you so much for stepping up to support SCTE's bookstore. Your attitude about volunteering with the bookstore is just one indication of why your chapter is so successful.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Cable-Tec Expo 2010 in New Orleans – and I won't ask you to do any work!

Regards,

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P.S. I apologize if I've overlooked anyone who helped in the Bookstore. I don't have an email address for Matt Wagner so I would appreciate it if someone could forward this email to Matt.

The SCTE Rocky Mountain Chapter Scholarship Opportunity

Joe Thomas

In these hard times job loss is collateral damage to the effects of the credit, housing, and energy issues affecting our country. The Rocky Mountain Chapter is proud to be in the position to offer its members a way of providing some security or opportunity in these times. We believe that through a scholarship program we can assist members wanting to differentiate themselves from their peers through education and certification.

Why does the RMC support a Scholarship Program for its Members?

We make it easy on our members to enroll, test, and certify for SCTE certifications covering a wide range of job classifications and skills. Certificates range from residential installation practices to digital video

engineering and all points in-between. Visit the <http://chapters.scte.org/rockymtn> web site for certification offerings. Our scholarship application should take you less than 15 minutes to complete and you'll just need to add two letters of recommendation before sending to us.

Why should I certify with the SCTE?

The SCTE is the leading source of certification specific to our industry. There are over 15,000 worldwide members and more than 3,000 members enrolled in SCTE certification programs. It is the most comprehensive and widely recognized program in the industry.

In this competitive job market any edge you can give yourself will help you rise above the masses when being considered for a promotion or a new job. Believe me when I say, that experience and "time in the trenches" is invaluable to our employers and it has let many of us earn a great living in a great industry.

However, there are large numbers of people out there looking for job that have time and work experience on their side. Unemployment is expected to move into the double digits in 2009 and competition is only going to become fiercer. How will you secure your current position or prepare yourself for the next promotion opportunity? Today you need something else to demonstrate your commitment to expanding your work knowledge and skills. Otherwise your resume looks just like the two dozen other ones sitting on a hiring manager's desk.

College classes are another avenue for motivated individuals. A college degree is a fantastic goal and the SCTE Foundation has funds available for grant to help you here as well. Consult the www.SCTE.org web site for more details. But College is not for everyone and the time, family responsibilities, and other constraints are endless. SCTE certification allows you to simply test at a local seminar after home studying for as long as you wish. There is no set class schedule or deadlines. The RMC offers testing at about every seminar. Certification is a viable route for many whom have full time jobs but yet want to advance and demonstrate their knowledge. The Rocky Mountain Scholarship program covers membership cost, testing fees, and peer recognition. The details of how to apply for a scholarship from the RMC is available on our web site:www.scte.org

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Definition: Somebody who supports the functions of the local chapter by participating in meetings provides input that helps drive board decisions, volunteers, speaks supportive, and generally those who make an impact through their involvement.

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