

2016 Rocky Mountain SCTE Board of Directors Election

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Rocky Mountain Chapter

Board of Directors

When: NOW!!!!

Voting window closes Dec. 14th

Results will be announced Dec 18th

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Your Rocky Mountain SCTE Board of Directors is pleased to announce the following 10 candidates for your considerations. These candidates will serve a two year term.

Candidates

1. **Stephanie Trotter**
2. **Lelsie Ellis**
3. **Sheri Langford**
4. **Zach Pepin**
5. **Kelly Daniels**
6. **Dino Starinieri**
7. **Rick Sullivan**
8. **Mark Guzinski**
9. **Chris Tucker**
10. **Ron Wolfe**

2016 Candidate Bios



For Re-Election

Stephanie Trotter

Stephanie is the VP of the Video Program Office for Time Warner Cable. Stephanie and her team are responsible for managing and delivering video programs across technology, operations and marketing teams within Time Warner Cable. Stephanie has been in the cable and telecommunications industry for over 24 years starting with MCI WorldCom (now Verizon) and Qwest before consulting at TWC in 2006.

During her time with Time Warner Cable, her main focus has been supporting strategic corporate initiatives, which include:

- Oversee consolidation plan to shifting Video Platforms from distributed to a national operational model allowing for centralization of National Sourcing for MPEG and IP Video

- Implementation of Content Delivery Network (CDN) and Switched Digital Video (SDV) platforms across all TWC Markets and the shift of video content from QAM to IP
- Assisted in leading the overall critical infrastructure strategy called “Zebra” that included consolidations to National Centers, expansions of Market centers to Implementation of Cloud Services such as TWC TV, National Video Content and Cloud Computing solutions.
- Deployed operational standards and procedures to reduce delivery timeframes and improve cross platform flexibility
- Designed and implement operational engineering acquisition strategies across multiple regions and divisions within the engineering organization for cable, high speed data and voice customers

Stephanie believes that this is an evolutionary time for the Cable industry and is excited about the changes and challenges ahead. Stephanie, like other women professionals within TWC, is also working to encourage and support more women to enter and grow in engineering roles within the Telecommunications Industry

Stephanie is an active participant as part of the Rocky Mountain SCTE board. Currently, she is the Treasurer for the RM SCTE Chapter and has overseen the past three Rocky Mtn SCTE Golf and Symposium with strong support from the board, friends of the board and sponsor.



For Re-election

Leslie Ellis

Leslie Ellis is owner of Ellis Edits Inc. and Translation-Please.com, a Denver-based analysis/writing firm specializing in the technologies used in cable, multichannel and broadband delivery systems. Specific focus is “translating” the dense language surrounding the technologies and technology strategies of service providers, and particularly cable service providers.

She writes the weekly “Translation Please” column for *Multichannel News*, now in its 16th year, and aimed at demystifying commonly-used cable and broadband technology terms. (Archived here: www.translation-please.com.) She’s written two broadband dictionaries, one field guide to broadband, and co-authored “Planet Broadband.”

She received the National Cable Telecommunication Association’s Vanguard Award for Associates & Affiliates in 2005. In 2010, she was named Technology Woman of the Year by the Society of Cable & Telecommunications Engineers and Women in Cable and Telecommunications.

Previously, Ellis was Paul Kagan Associates’ Senior Technology Analyst. Ellis was Senior Technology Editor for *Multichannel News/Broadband Week* from 1994-1998, and Managing Editor of *Communications Engineering & Design* magazine from 1990-1994. She began in the cable industry in 1987.

Outside of work, she’s a beekeeper, founder of the Women Who Bee beekeeping club, and Executive Producer of the documentary film “BEE PEOPLE,” released in 2012. The film encourages everyday people to become backyard beekeepers, toward a goal of a beehive every two miles — to help sustain pollination amidst the massive and unsolved honeybee population decline that began in the U.S. in 2009.

I am excited about the possibility of working with the SCTE Rocky Mountain Chapter. I have been a big supporter of SCTE both National and the Rocky Mountain Chapter for many years and I believe in what it provides to a very



**Sheri
Langford**

dynamic industry. I would enjoy being a part of the board, knowing that I am a part of the leadership that brings training, growth, and information sharing to a variety of people.

I have been in the Cable Industry for over thirty five years. I got my start in Customer Service at a cable system in California named WGN. During that time, I also had the opportunity to gain exposure to Installations, Underground Construction, and Purchasing. In 1984, I moved to Colorado as a young Purchasing professional and found it rewarding to be working in, what was then, the cable capital of the industry.

Since my move to Denver over 30 years ago, I have had a breadth of experiences within the industry. I have worked for ATC, Time Warner Cable, HSA, CommScope, Andrew Cable, Technetix, and Charter Communications. I have had a variety of professional experiences from Manufacturing and Sales, to Management, to Purchasing, to leadership in bringing a company to the US market. I am happy to be back on the MSO side of the house at Charter.



**Zach
Pepin**

I've spent my entire cable career of almost 10 years with Comcast Cable and have held several different positions. I started my career in the Portland market as a technician and worked in several different roles and responsibilities to eventually become a Network Engineer. In those roles I interacted with lots of different people and workgroups both in and outside of the company. I enjoyed working with different people and departments and was able to learn a lot as well as be involved with all of the engineering that goes on behind the scenes for new products and services.

I've recently moved to a new role in Comcast's West Division as the Manager of the Capacity Management group. Being in this new role, and new state, there are countless opportunities to meet new people, be involved with even more workgroups and be at the forefront of Comcast's technology that's being implemented. I would like to be a part of the SCTE board as I love to collaborate with others, learn about new technology and help people get involved. Thanks for your consideration.



**Kelly
Daniels**

Kelly Daniels began in telecommunications network operations in 1983, engineering in 1985 and then R&D for telecommunication carriers in 1989. Kelly worked in Telephone, Cellular, and Internet before working in Cable in 1994. Kelly's work across video, voice and data technologies exclusively for carriers provides a wide exposure to the needs of cable operators in today's environment. Kelly has worked in PON since 2000 and IPTV since 2004. Since moving to Denver, re-joining SCTE in 2014 Kelly has also joined Charter Communications. Kelly has benefitted from many SCTE documents in his design and consulting at Motorola and Comcast. More recently Kelly has benefitted from RMC presentations from members. It is the training and the standards work that makes SCTE crucial. Just as important are the presentations and make-up of the RMC membership. RMC has the size of the cable work force in small HE and independent MSO who work well with 3 major lab and operational centers. In volunteering at RMC, Kelly plans to grow ideas into standards, presentations and training by RMC members. The Rocky Mountain Chapter is growing while the resources have a big foundation from many years of work from preceding leadership.

Dino started his cable career in January of 1995 with TV Guide On Screen



**Dino
Starinieri**

(TVGOS) as the Technical Support Manager. TV Guide on Screen was a joint venture between TCI and News Corp that was focused on delivering electronic program guides to both basic cable as well as the next generation digital set top boxes. His focus was on supporting the newly launched TV Guide On Screen Channel and one of the industry's first digital Set Top Box Electronic Program Guides.

Late in 1997, TVGOS was merged with Prevue networks and he moved to Tulsa to become the Director of technical operations of the newly combined company focusing on supporting the rebranded TV Guide Channel, the Barker Channel, and the EPG on DCT 1000s, provided by HITs, from TCI.

In July of 1999 he moved to Denver to work as a consultant for Media One working on the first open cable project integrating an EPG into an open cable standard Set Top Box.

In mid 2000 he joined Intellocity, an interactive television company, and worked on many projects involving Interactive STB based solutions. The last 2 years he was with Intellocity he spent as a consultant for Kabel NRV a German cable company who was moving from analog to digital after the divestiture of the government owned cable companies to public companies.

He then joined Mystro, a small group that was part of Time Warner focused on creating and delivering network based DVR functionality in January in 2003. 11 Mystro was dissolved and he was offered a position to stay on with Time Warner Cable in their Advanced Technology Group.

He has spent the last 12+ years at TWC moving from Senior Integration Engineer, Principal Engineer, Principal Architect, then Director, and in February of 2014 was promoted to Vice President of System Integration and Test focusing on video applications, business support systems, care and field applications, and web portal testing.



**Rick
Sullivan**

As a young technician I had the opportunity to work for many great people and a great company. I was encouraged to attend SCTE training seminars. These events became one of the corner stone's of my learning experience in the Broadband industry. Not only was the training itself beneficial, but more important was the learning that occurred from other people in different companies that attended the seminars. I saw the training as a reward from my company and was always eager to attend. I was proud to be part of the community that developed from these events. I believe the SCTE is a great tool for companies to use to develop technicians and engineers in current technologies, introduce and learn about new technologies, develop a sense of community and reward their employees.

Rick has spent 34 years in the broadband industry. He started as a technician for Metrovision who later became Time Warner. He held many positions while in operations. He is now Director of Strategic Accounts for Amphenol Broadband Solutions.

Rick has been very active on a local and national level with the SCTE. He has served on many Chapters and was instrumental in starting two new Chapters. He served six years as a Director on the National Board as Region 5 Representative. Before his time on the National Board Rick served as Chair for the NCLB. During his time on the National Board he served as the Chair of the Professional Development Committee for three years. He also served on the Operations Committee which was later renamed the

Chapter Support Committee. Rick was inducted into the SCTE Hall of Fame in 2013.



**Mark
Guzinski**

Over the last 30+ years in the cable industry, I have held positions from Line Technician to Director across several organizations in the cable industry. I believe that my broad experience at all levels would be of a value to the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the SCTE.

My experience in technical and engineering operations with Heritage Cablevision, Telecommunications Inc., Columbia Basin Cable, American Telecasting, CableLabs and finally Charter Communications has given me a thorough understanding how continued technical training is important to this industry.

While I have participated at various levels in the SCTE, I feel it is time to contribute back to the organization that has been part of my career for the past several years. My experience with MSOs and a non-profit serving the cable industry gives me a unique perspective that will be very helpful to the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the SCTE.

I would be very honored to represent the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the SCTE to all members and insure our chapter's voice is heard at the national level.



**Chris
Tucker**

I am an engineer with over 17 years of experience in cable, satellite, and telecommunications with roles ranging from technician to product development engineer to technical sales. Throughout my career, I have developed, supported, and implemented leading-edge technology to improve customer experience and overcome difficult challenges cable operators face. The focus of my efforts today pertains to delivering increased speeds over new and existing physical plant and streamlining complex service delivery networks.

During my current and previous roles, I prepared and presented several training classes to individual cable operators and SCTE chapters alike. Most recently, I presented three training classes to the Central Indiana Chapter in my hometown of Indianapolis. I believe training is a crucial part of any career because it not only helps someone learn new skills, but it also gathers like-minded, driven professionals in pursuit of common goals.

If elected to the Board, I hope to increase communication with Chapter membership and add new training opportunities in emerging areas such as software-defined networks, network functions virtualization, and 10-Gigabit PON. In addition, I also hope to explore additional opportunities to bring together Denver-Area cable professionals for collaboration, professional growth, and community outreach.

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering Technology from Purdue University, and currently serve as Sales Engineer and Lead Technologist for the Cable MSO Business Unit at ADTRAN. I reside in the South Metro Area with my wife and son. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the Rocky Mountain Chapter in the coming year.



I am asking for your support, and your vote to serve as a member of your Board of Directors of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers. I am a Senior Member of the Society and have been a member since 1987. During my career spanning more than 37 years in the cable telecommunications, I have I have held technical

**Ron
Wolfe**

leadership positions with both service providers and suppliers to the industry. I have been a past Board of Directors member of the Chapter, during the time the Rocky Mountain Chapter introduced the Cable-Tec Games to the national stage. I have also served on the Scholarship Committee at the National level, and the BCTE Review Committee. I was honored to receive the Member of the Year Award from the SCTE in 1992.

My current role is Senior Director of HFC Engineering & Architecture for Charter Communications in the Denver area office, a role I have been in since September 2014. I work cross-functionally between engineering and operations on a daily basis to balance the needs of the business and the capabilities of new technologies, always considering what the changes in our business mean to those who work daily to maintain the quality of our services to our customers.

Prior to joining Charter, I have held numerous positions with both service providers and industry suppliers, in a wide array of disciplines, including technical team leadership and strategy formulation in the areas of RF and HFC outside plant, optical transport, digital video processing, including switched digital video and program insertion, DOCSIS and TCP/IP technologies, RFoG, EPON, dense wave division multiplexing and virtual hub technology for video transport and quality of experience (QOE) management. Among my career experiences are technical and leadership roles at Time Warner Cable, @Home Network, Aurora Networks and BigBand Networks.

Throughout my career, I have benefitted tremendously from the training and mentoring provided by my managers, colleagues and leaders, and from the SCTE.

I have been privileged to work with many industry technical leaders over the course of my career, including numerous SCTE Hall of Fame Inductees and Vanguard Award winners, and it is my hope that I can bring to the Rocky Mountain Chapter, and the SCTE in general, some of the benefits I have enjoyed due to the mentoring and training I have received from SCTE members who came before me.

In addition to my membership at SCTE I am a member of IEEE. I have written numerous papers and presented at numerous events for both organizations. I have also been honored to be a member of the teams awarded Technical Emmy Awards for achievements related to HFC Deployment and SDV Deployment.

I am excited about the possibility of becoming reconnected and re-energized in supporting a Chapter that helped me become who I am today.

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