

**SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS, INC.
CHAPTER #78 - BLUE RIDGE AREA OF VIRGINIA**

BY LAWS

(As amended November 13, 2008)

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSES

SECTION 1. NAME. The name of this organization shall be the SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS CHAPTER #78 - BLUE RIDGE AREA OF VIRGINIA.

SECTION 2. The purposes for which the Local Chapter is organized are as follows:

- (a) The diffusion and increase of operational and scientific knowledge in broadcasting engineering; and, the promotion and advancement of this science and its allied arts, in both theoretical and practical applications.
- (b) The establishment of standards of professional education, training, and competence for engineers engaged in the profession of broadcast engineering; and, to afford professional recognition of these standards.
- (c) The stimulation of interest in broadcast engineering, the encouragement of the exchange and the intercourse of ideas among its members, and the promotion and maintenance of the highest professional standards among its members.
- (d) The creation of a working alliance, and a meeting of minds, in all aspects of broadcasting, including the FCC, other organizations allied to broadcasting, management groups, and the ultimate and most important facet of all broadcasting- the listener and listener groups.
- (e) To these ends, it shall be the purpose of the Society to hold meetings for the reading and discussion of professional papers, publications, communications and for such other professional activities as shall properly fulfill the objectives of the Society.
- (f) To provide for a local geographical Chapter of the SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS, INC.
- (g) The organization shall be, not for profit in nature, with no increment of income to members.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. All members of SBE INC, who are in good standing, may request to become assigned to SBE #78 Blue Ridge Area of Virginia.

SECTION 2. Sustaining Member: Any person, corporation, or organization interested in SBE #78 may be considered for membership, subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

A Sustaining Member shall designate their representative, when membership is conferred. The Sustaining Member shall be required to contribute an annual minimum fee, which is set, and reviewed annually by the Executive Committee. Any contributions in arrears 6 (six) months or more shall nullify membership. SBE #78 will attempt to provide recognition to the Sustaining Member thru its normal meeting announcements and public information. However, this cannot and will not be guaranteed. The purpose of Sustaining Members is, like other members, to support the purposes as defined in the By-laws. Sustaining Members are not expected to significantly persuade policy and the intent of the association.

This class of membership shall not be eligible to vote or hold any office in SBE Chapter #78.

SECTION 3. Termination of Membership.

Any member may be suspended for a period or expelled for any reason not in the best interests of SBE #78. Such suspension or expulsion shall be at the unanimous vote of the other members present at the regular monthly meeting.

ARTICLE III.. GOVERNING OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 1. Officers of the Chapter shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and a Secretary-Treasurer, (optionally, a separate Secretary and Treasurer) who together with the Immediate Past Chairman shall comprise the Executive Committee. Officers shall hold office for a term of one year; shall be elected at the regular November meeting; shall take office immediately after the November meeting adjourns; and may be reelected annually with no term limits.

(a). The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Chapter, at the pleasure of the Membership.

(b). The Chairman shall preside at all meetings, arrange meeting schedules and locations, and shall appoint a Program Chairman, appoint Nominating and Membership Committees and others as needed, and coordinate all activities of the Chapter.

The Chairman shall appoint a three-man Nominating Committee at least 90 days prior to the November election meeting. The Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of candidates at that meeting. Alternate nominations from the floor are allowable, provided that the nominees have given their prior consent to be so named.

The Chairman shall appoint a Membership Committee at the beginning of his term, and, unless otherwise provided, such other committees as may be necessary for the operation of the Chapter.

(c). The Vice-Chairman shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chairman. He shall perform the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer at meetings in the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer, except that if he is also presiding, he shall appoint a member present to perform the duties of Secretary-Treasurer.

(d). The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the Minutes of each meeting, make the financial transactions, maintain financial records, and monetary disbursements. He also shall file the necessary reports to SBE Inc. as required, with such assistance as may be required of other officers and members. He shall assure timely dissemination of meeting notices or newsletters, and other pertinent notices as conduct of the Chapter may require.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses in the performance of official duties upon presentation and verification of such expenses.

SECTION 2. Succession.

In the event the Chairmanship is vacated, either by resignation of the incumbent or his removal from duty, the Vice-Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman's office for the remainder of the term. In the event of the Vice Chairmanship also becomes vacated for similar reasons, the Secretary-Treasurer shall assume the duties of the Chairman for the duration of the term. In that event, the Secretary-Treasurer/Acting Chairman may either appoint another member to assume the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer for the balance of the term, or he may invite the membership to hold a special election to replace the vacated officer's

positions.

ARTICLE IV. VOTING

SECTION 1. Voting on all matters shall be limited to those members present in person at the meeting when a vote is to be taken, except that a member who is on duty, working, may submit an absentee ballot, provided that the absentee ballot shall be in the possession of the Secretary-Treasurer or his acting substitute at the meeting when the vote is held. Each member shall have one vote only.

SECTION 2. QUORUM.

A vote on any matter before a meeting shall be passed by a simple majority vote of those members present, including any absentee ballots. A quorum shall consist of at least ten percent of the registered membership of the Chapter, including at least one officer.

ARTICLE V. DUES

SECTION 1. SBE #78 receives no dues from regular members. Dues are paid to the Society of Broadcast Engineers, Inc. (SBE, Inc.), at the national office.

SECTION 2. A Sustaining Member shall annually contribute to SBE #78. The amount is to be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Meetings shall be held bi-monthly, in odd-numbered months, at a time and place to be decided by the Chairman and publicized through appropriate mailed or electronic announcements to SBE #78 members.

Special meetings of the voting membership may be called as the need may arise, provided that the voting members are notified by mail or electronically at least (15) days prior to the special meeting.

It shall be optional, at the memberships' choice to suspend any meeting or meetings.

SECTION 2. Members are encouraged to bring guests to the meetings, particularly those who

profess an interest in broadcast engineering.

ARTICLE VII. DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

ARTICLE VIII. BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1. These By-laws may be amended or added to, by a majority vote of eligible members present at a regular or special meeting, provided that the voting membership is notified of the actual amendments and/or additions, and of the date, time, and place of said meeting; such notice to be via mail or electronically at least (15) days prior to the date of such meeting.

SECTION 2. Any question arising in the conduct of the Chapter that is not covered by these By-laws shall be governed by the latest edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

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These By-Laws amended by vote at the November 13, 2008 Meeting. Signed:

[Edwin R. Durham	Chapter Chairman	Nov 13, 2008]
[Jon T. Wenger	Chapter Secretary	Nov13, 2008]
[Richard A. Stephens	Chapter Treasurer	Nov 13, 2008]