



ASSOCIATION OF

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING ENGINEERS

WASHINGTON, D.C.

President's Letter
January 2010

Dear Membership,

As we begin 2010 I wanted to recap some of the events that have taken place since the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1), and mention some important dates coming up this year.

The members of the AFCCE Board of Directors and the officers of the organization for the 2009-2010 term are:

Jerry Manarchuck – President
Stephen Lockwood – Vice President
Bob Weller – Secretary
Lanny Nass – Treasurer
George Borsari
John F.X. Browne
Tom Cox
Paul Dugan
John George

Standing committees for the 2009-2010 term and their chairs are:

Admissions – Matt Sanderford
Engineering Rules and Standards – John F.X. Browne
FCC Liaison – Jonathan Edwards
Nominations – Mike Rhodes
Permanent Arrangements – Stephen Lockwood
Professional Ethics and Grievances – John F.X. Browne
Scholarship Committee – David Layer

In July we welcomed David Layer as our new Scholarship Committee chairman. We thank our former chairman John Dettra for his many years of service. John served this Association well and helped make a difference in the lives of many college students. Thanks again John for all the time and effort you gave to our association.



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David Layer will have his work cut out for himself this year, as AFCCE is working with IEEE on an additional joint scholarship which we hope to bring to fruition this year. In addition, Dielectric will be honoring Noel Luddy by funding a scholarship in his name. Dielectric will be working through AFCCE and awarding a \$2,500 scholarship each year to honor Noel.

September Luncheon

Our first luncheon of the year was held on September 18th at the Hyatt Arlington. Our luncheon speaker was Dave Davies of ERI. Dave's presentation was titled "Guy Anchor Rod Corrosion: Probability, Self Inspection, Detection, and Prevention."

Annual Fall Social

Our annual Fall Social was held on October 16th at the National Press Club. We had a wonderful time, and total of 46 members and guests attended the event. Approximately \$1,900 was raised that evening to benefit our scholarship fund. I'd like to thank Stephen Lockwood for all his efforts in putting together the social.

November Luncheon

Our speaker for our November luncheon was Kerry Cozad of Dielectric Communications. Kerry's presentation was titled "Update on the Use of Vertical Polarization for DTV and Mobile Media. We had a total of 52 members and guests attend the luncheon. That evening our annual AFCCE/FCC Reception was held at the Phillips Flagship restaurant on the DC waterfront. A total of 132 AFCCE members, guests and FCC staff attended the event.

2009 E. Noel Luddy Award

At the AFCCE/FCC Reception the 2009 E. Noel Luddy Award was presented to Bruce Franca. Mr. Franca joined the FCC in 1974 as an engineer in the Aviation and Marine Division of the Safety and Special Radio Services Bureau. He has held positions in the Office of Plans and Policy and also the Mass Media Bureau. He joined the Office of Engineering and Technology as Deputy Chief in 1987 and retired as Chief of OET in 2006. Currently Mr. Franca is Vice President for Policy and Technology of the Association for Maximum Service Television, Inc. ("MSTV").



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2009 Emeritus Awardees

I'd like to congratulate the following members that were elevated to Emeritus status in 2009:

William B. Carr
Jules Cohen
Louis R. du Treil, Sr.
Frederick G. Griffin
Jeremy K. Raines
John W. Reiser

2010 Meeting Dates

Please mark your calendars with the following 2010 luncheon dates.

Friday, January 15, 2010 - *Increased Power for FM/IBOC: The NPR/iBiquity Proposal*
Presented by John Kean

Friday, February 19, 2010

Friday, March 19, 2010

Friday, May 21, 2010

Annual Meeting - June 17-20, 2010 in Anchorage, Alaska

Friday, September 17, 2010

Friday, October 22 (Joint Luncheon with IEEE BTS)

Wednesday, November 17 (also same day as FCC Reception)

Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting will be held in Anchorage, Alaska from June 17-20th. The meeting will be held at the Hotel Captain Cook. Stay tuned for registration information.

I hope everyone has a safe and blessed new year. Look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming luncheons.

Regards

Jerry Manarchuck
AFCCE President 2009-2010