



ASSOCIATION OF

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING ENGINEERS

WASHINGTON, D.C.

President's Letter
August 29, 2011

Dear AFCCE Members,

As we begin the 2011–2012 fiscal year I wanted to provide an update on some of AFCCE's activities and encourage your active participation in AFCCE activities during the coming year.

The 63rd Annual Meeting was held last June in beautiful Sonoma, California with over 50 members and guests participating. Some highlights included an update on the use of small antennas for mobile television broadcast reception and a tour of the former High Seas Coast Station, KPH. For those so motivated, the lavish and caloric reception, wine-tasting, and banquet could be partially offset by 7 AM daily hikes led by my wife, Gina. The 2010–2011 Annual Report was reviewed, edited, and approved, and Secretary John George sent copies of the final version to everyone in July. Contact John if you did not receive your copy.

New directors were elected by ballot of the membership, and I would like to welcome Rich Biby, Anne Goodwin Crump, and David Snavelly to the board. The members of the AFCCE Board of Directors and the officers of the organization for the 2011–2012 term are (the board member's class terms are shown in parenthesis):

Officers

President – Bob Weller (2012)
Secretary – John George (2012)

Vice President – Mark Neumann (2013)
Treasurer – Lanny Nass (2012)

Directors

Rich Biby (2015)
Anne Goodwin Crump (2014)
David Snavelly (2015)

John F.X. Browne (2012)
Sid Khanna (2014)

AFCCE's standing committees and their chairs for 2011–2012 are:

Admissions: Matt Sanderford
Rules & Standards: John F.X. Browne
Professional Ethics
and Grievances: John F.X. Brown

Permanent Arrangements: Mark Neumann
Nominations: Mike Rhodes

In addition to the standing committees, the membership voted at the Annual Meeting to continue the ongoing work of the Membership Sustainability Committee, ably chaired by Charles Cooper.

I want to acknowledge the work of Jonathan Edwards as FCC Liaison, Jerry Manarchuck as Historian, Ron Chase as Program Coordinator, Mike Rhodes as Webmaster, and John Reiser as Luncheon Coordinator. I'd also like to acknowledge the dedicated efforts of David Layer, the Chairman of the AFCCE Scholarship Foundation's Scholarship Committee.

New Luncheon Venue

Our first luncheon of the year will be held on Friday, September 23rd at the Holiday Inn in Rosslyn. The Holiday Inn will be the venue for our luncheon meetings through May 2012. The new venue is about the same distance from the Rosslyn Metro station for those taking public transit and parking is less expensive for those who drive. Except for September and November, AFCCE luncheon meetings are generally held the third Friday of each month, and are the best way to stay up-to-date on our industry and keep in touch with fellow members.

AFCCE/IEEE BTS Joint Luncheon

The IEEE 61st Annual Broadcast Symposium will be held October 19–21 at The Westin in Alexandria, Virginia. As is usual, there will be a joint AFCCE/BTS Luncheon on Thursday, October 20, this year featuring Peter Doyle, Chief of the FCC's Audio Division. Reservations for the joint luncheon are taken by IEEE. Additional information on the Symposium and luncheon reservations can be found at: <http://bts.ieee.org/broadcastsymposium/registration.html>

Fall Social

Coincident with the last day of the BTS Symposium, AFCCE's Fall Social will be held on October 21nd at the Chart House in Old Town Alexandria. The Board voted to change the venue from the National Press Club to make attendance more convenient for those staying at the Westin and attending the BTS Symposium. The Fall Social is open to members and their guests and proceeds benefit our scholarship fund. If you or your firm wishes to sponsor the event please contact Vice President Mark Neumann. Please plan on joining us for this event.

AFCCE/FCC Reception

The Annual AFCCE/FCC Reception will be held at the Phillip's Flagship Restaurant, 900 Water Street, SW, Washington, DC on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, from 4 to 7 pm. The FCC Reception is a popular event among FCC technical staff, and allows us to celebrate with the recipient of the 2011 E. Noel Luddy Award. Please plan on joining us for this fun event.

Participate

A better AFCCE requires your help. It's awkward to ask people to volunteer to help work the registration desk at the FCC reception, to serve on a committee, or even to join AFCCE's board. We all have the fear of being rejected. I was surprised to learn that most people actually want to be asked for their help, and they are even offended when they don't get asked. So, let's try and meet half-way: AFCCE needs its members to work on committees doing everything from draft comments on proposed regulations to helping to coordinate the Annual Meeting. If you ask some on the board how you can help, I guarantee that you will be rewarded with meaningful tasks. So, please ask. Send me or another board member an e-mail or talk to us at the luncheon about getting involved. You don't have to be local to DC, either. There are lots of areas where AFCCE can and should contribute, but we need members willing to help.

Please let me or another board member know if you have any suggestions. I look forward to seeing you at one or all of our upcoming events.

Very truly yours,

Bob Weller

Robert Weller, President
AFCCE 2011-2012