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#### **Q1 NEWSLETTER**

#### **MEET THE SCTE-NE BOARD FOR 2024-2025**

SCTE New England Chapter elections were a success. The 2024 board met on 1/7/2024 to nominate and vote in the new officer positions of each elected board member. We have three new board members! Welcome to the New England Chapter Board of Directors Jeff Wider, Scott Brooks, and Brian Nicolois all of Comcast. The board has remarkable representation across different contributors in the industry.

**BIOGRAPHY FOR SCOTT BROOKS -** SENIOR HFC TECHNOLOGIST IN COMCAST NORTHEAST EXCELLENCE OPERATIONS CENTER (XOC)

Scott Brooks, a distinguished professional with a rich background in telecommunications, commenced his journey in 1998 after serving as a Sonar Technician Petty Officer in the United States Navy. He embarked on his telecommunications career with Cox Communications in Warwick, RI, where he initially served as a Service and Installation Technician.

Over the course of his dynamic career, Scott has showcased his expertise in various pivotal roles. As a Tellabs Network Technician specializing in Digital Phone services and a Media One Network Analyst in 1999, he demonstrated a keen understanding of evolving technologies. Scott's journey included transitions through MediaOne to AT&T Broadband and eventually to Comcast, witnessing the transformative shift from Digital Telephony to Voice over IP.

Scott's leadership and strategic contributions extended to the successful Suscom Acquisition, where he played a crucial role in incorporating the Connecticut and New York footprint into the Comcast telecommunications landscape. Furthermore, he played a key role in the ONE XOC transition, ensuring seamless integration across all Northeast States in the Divisional footprint.

An active member of SCTE (Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers), Scott actively participates in Vendors Day events and contributes to facilitating the Chapter's Annual Golf Tournament. His dedication to promoting the organization and advocating for the benefits it provides to telecommunications professionals is evident. Serving as a lead in Comcast's EEP (Employee Engagement Promoter) team, Scott consistently engages with peers, highlighting the advantages, opportunities, and prestige of SCTE membership.

With an impressive 25 years in the industry, Scott Brooks currently holds the position of Senior HFC Technologist in Comcast Northeast Excellence Operations Center (XOC), where he continues to contribute to operational excellence and technological advancement in the telecommunications industry.

On a personal level, Scott is currently pursuing his degree in Data Analytics from Southern New Hampshire University and is an active member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. Outside of his professional pursuits, he finds joy in spending quality time with his family and indulges in the pastime of saltwater fishing.

#### **BIOGRAPHY FOR JEFF WIDER - SR. FIELD ENGINEER WITH COMCAST**

My career started in 1981 when I was encouraged by my father to investigate a Cable TV training center where I grew up in St. Louis, MO. He thought it might be a good fit with my vocational education in electricity. Forty-two years later I believe like most things he told me he was right on the money.

Some of my past positions at different companies have been Activation Tech contractor, Coax Splicer contractor, Line Tech, Lead Tech, Headend Tech, Chief Tech, Designer, Design Engineer, Systems Engineer, Staff Engineer, Field Engineer, and presently Senior Field Engineer. Most of my career has been hands-on. I have climbed several hundred of poles, and about a hundred towers, built and aligned multiple satellite dishes, and aligned and activated microwave links. Worked with every type of test equipment and have tested and recommended dozens. When I started my career, I activated a 400 MHz dual system in Miami with no return. Recently, I oversaw the activation of our first 10G-EPON node in Maine. Next is DOCSIS 4.0 Full Duplex.

I have been a member of the SCTE since the early 1980's. The SCTE has been a major influence throughout my career. I am not sure I would be where I am today without it. I would like to try to give back some of what it has given me.

#### BIOGRAPHY FOR BRIAN NICOLOIS - SR. MANAGER, TECHNICAL OPERATIONS AT COMCAST

With 25 years' experience in the broadband industry, skilled in RF broadband technical & engineering experience specializing in Internet, voice, and video. Trained in Residential and Commercial Hubs, coaxial and HFC (Hybrid Fiber Coax), Fiber to Node, and Node +1 plant architectures and systems.

12 years as a technical operations supervisor and 8 years as a Senior Manager of TechOps. Currently overseeing a workforce of 60+ employees out of Woburn, Massachusetts. I have taken and currently enrolled in several NCTI and SCTE supported coursework.

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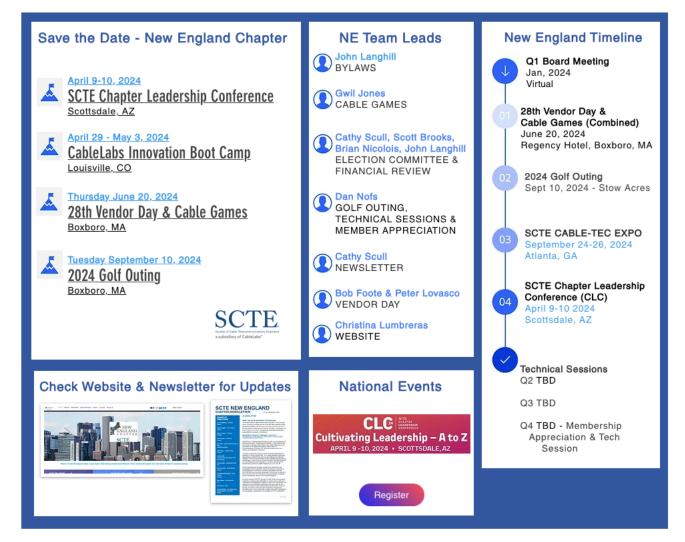
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# 2024 Events



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