CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

Britny Williams – Candidate for Chairperson
Britny has been working at Wisconsin Public Radio since 2007. She began her radio career as an intern during her freshman year of college and just never left! She joined WPR's engineering department full time in 2011, and became the Director of Engineering in 2017. Since then, Britny has been overseeing the largest technical upgrade project WPR has undergone in recent memory. Most of her experience and areas of expertise are on the studio/user side of engineering rather than with transmitters and antennas. She's no stranger to the world of IT either! Britny also serves on the Association of Public Radio Engineers board and holds CBT and CBNT titles from the SBE.

Matt Mommaerts – Candidate for Vice Chair
Matt has been working in broadcasting for over 25 years. He started out with an interest in television while watching camera crews at Chicago White Sox games. He then was involved in the high school video club and radio station. He followed that passion to UW-Platteville's broadcast engineering program. In Platteville, he worked in just about every aspect of TV and Radio from DJ, Program Director and Metal Director at WSUP to working in the shop, sports producer, master control and even sales for the campus television station.

Right after earning a Bachelor of Science degree from UW-Platteville with a major in Broadcast Technology Management, he started out working at Creative Video Editing in Westgate Mall and as a weekend Master Control Operator at WMSN. In the summer of 1993, Matt moved to full time at WMSN as half Engineer/half MCO and also began volunteering at WORT-FM. The next year he started "The Mosh Pit", a weekly heavy metal show on WORT and is still active in hosting and producing the show. Over the years at WMSN, Matt has worked as Web Coordinator, Staff Engineer and his current position of Assistant Chief Engineer.

Russ Awe – Candidate for Secretary
Russ joined PBS Wisconsin (WHA-TV) in 1998 where he was responsible for editing programs like Sewing with Nancy and The Wisconsin Gardener along with many other documentaries. He also was part of many live sporting events for the Badgers. In 2008 he became the Engineer in Charge of the WHA-TV remote truck and can be seen driving Big Bird and the Cookie Monster all over the great state of Wisconsin recording and broadcasting programs for WPT. Live productions are still a favorite for Russ. “There is nothing like being LIVE from the Capitol and you know that there are thousands of people watching and listening to your work for information.”

Russ comes to us from the middle part of the state where he grew up in Greenwood, WI and attended Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire and obtained a Media Assistant Associate Degree in 1986. He then began his career in television at the Eau Claire Community Access Channel and soon became employed at WEAU-TV 13 in Eau Claire running camera and audio for the newscasts. He then became chief master control operator training others on production workflows and transmission. After a couple of years at WQOW-TV 18 in Eau Claire producing and editing commercials, he made parts for computer hard drives at Hutchinson Technology in Eau Claire before arriving in Madison.

Mike Norton – Candidate for Vice Chair
Mike has been working in broadcasting over 25 years, starting as a radio disc jockey in college. He held positions as technical operations director and station manager at student-run WSUP-FM/Platteville. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from UW-Platteville, with a major in Broadcast Technology Management and a minor in graphic arts. He worked as a master control operator at WISN-TV/Milwaukee, and is currently a staff engineer at the Wisconsin Public Broadcasting Center.

He currently does electronic maintenance of radio and television equipment, and works with encoding systems and IP networks. Mike has been an SBE member since 1992, was the SBE Chapter 24 newsletter editor from 1996 to 2006, and has previously served as SBE Chapter 24 Secretary from 2009-2012 and 2016-2019. He is certified at the CSTE and CBNE levels.
2020 SBE Chapter 24 Election Ballot

You must be a current member of SBE Chapter 24 to be eligible to vote.

Please include your SBE member number: ______________

Voter names will not be identified.

VOTE FOR ONE FOR EACH OFFICE. MARK AN "X" NEXT TO YOUR SELECTION.

CHAIRPERSON

_____ Britny Williams

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(write-in candidate)

VICE CHAIR

_____ Matt Mommaerts

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(write-in candidate)

SECRETARY

_____ Russ Awe

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(write-in candidate)

TREASURER

_____ Mike Norton

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(write-in candidate)

Elections will begin April 1st and continue until April 22nd. The preferred method of voting is electronically on the Chapter web site. If you cannot vote electronically, you may send this completed ballot to the address below. Please vote only once.

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All ballots must be received on or before Wednesday, April 22, 2020.