

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

Russ Awe - Candidate for Chair



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 live production truck and can be seen driving the 20-ton electronics powerhouse all over the great state of Wisconsin recording and broadcasting programs for PBS Wisconsin. 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 Travis - Candidate for Vice Chair



Mike joined Web Courseworks in 2013 as a Systems Administrator intern and worked his way up to the Director of IT. He is responsible for Security, Infrastructure, and DevOps automation systems within Amazon Web Services to support their Learning Management Systems. Mike also serves on the Board of Directors for WeComm, a non-profit organization that supports the amateur radio repeater network for Wisconsin ARES/RACES. Mike followed a non-traditional path of being self-taught in his field.

Mike grew up in Mazomanie and now resides in Prairie Du Sac with his wife and four children. In his free time he is an amateur radio operator, emergency medical technician and pilot. His most recent personal projects involve software defined radios. Mike is certified at the CRO level and is working on his CBT certification. Mike has had an interest in computers, electronics and radios since he was eight years old.

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Derek Murphey - Candidate for Treasurer



Derek has been in broadcasting for 15 years, starting as a morning show phone screener and producer in college. While earning his Broadcasting & Electronic Media degree from the University of Northwestern - St. Paul, he worked part-time as a Network Operations Assistant for KTIS. The opportunity to move within Northwestern brought Derek to WNBC - Madison in 2011, where he served as Broadcast Technician, Chief Engineer, and currently, Network Production Software Manager for Northwestern Media.

During his free time, he enjoys walking, biking, and running the Madison trails with his wife and daughter. They are expecting a son later this summer. Finances run in his blood, being the son of a CPA and a part-time Financial Coach. An SBE member since 2012, he is certified at the CBRE level and working toward CSRE & CBNE certification.

2023 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

_____ Russ Awe

_____ _____
(write-in candidate)

VICE CHAIR

_____ Mike Travis

_____ _____
(write-in candidate)

SECRETARY

_____ Mike Travis

_____ _____
(write-in candidate)

TREASURER

_____ Derek Murphey

_____ _____
(write-in candidate)

Elections will begin April 1st and continue until April 26th. 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.

Leonard Charles
Ballot
5714 Modenaire Street
Fitchburg, WI 53711

All ballots must be received on or before Wednesday, April 26th, 2023.