

Meet Your 2015 ETA International Board



Fred Weiss, CET – CHAIRMAN

Weiss decided the electronics field was for him after a year of doing radio repair in his family business. After graduating from McKim Technical Institute in Akron, Ohio, McKim offered him a teaching position. Fred also purchased Newman TV and ran it in partnership with another McKim graduate until he sold his share when he took a position as a broadcast engineer. He later left both McKim and broadcast to work as a bench technician. After three years of servicing, Fred returned to McKim as chief instructor. He then took a position with Akron Public Schools, from which he recently retired after 27 years.



John Baldwin, CETsr – VICE CHAIRMAN

Baldwin retired after being involved in electronics and wireless for 39 years, with 28 years of teaching at the college level and 11 years of industry/military experience. He developed specialized courses in 3G, CDMA and GSM based cellular systems in conjunction with heading up the AAS degree program in Wireless Communications at South Central College. As a charter member of the ETA Board of Directors, he previously served as ETA Chairman and received ETA's Pete Award in 2001 and the ETA President's Excellence Award last year.



Joseph LaGanga, CETma – SECRETARY

LaGanga has been developing training courses for the communications field for the past eight years and is a certified instructor. In addition to being an ETA Certification Administrator, he is a graduate of Cappella University with a Master's degree in information technology with a specialization in project management.



Ira Wiesenfeld, P.E., CETsr – TREASURER

Wiesenfeld is a consulting engineer who has been involved in the radio communications business since 1966. A Senior Member of IEEE, Ira has provided service and training for the broadcast, public safety radio, mobile telephone, radio common carrier, paging, manufacturing, military, and education markets. He is the author of study guides for the GCT and MCEI, wrote a portion of the current FCC GROL exam along with a book on installation standards and numerous magazine articles. He has been involved with the WCM/USMSS, LAS, GCT and MCEI certification programs. He was last year's Chairman and the 2012 ETA Technician of the Year.



William Brinker, CETma – COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Brinker was the head of the electronics department at the Kansas City Kansas Area Vocational Technical School for 10 years and then went to work for Motorola as a Project Manager. He retired from Motorola after 18 years of managing the installation of cellular telephone and public safety systems. He worked for several years at Compass Controls as a design engineering technician. Until his retirement, Bill was Project Manager for Commenco and was responsible for providing review training for the ETA Associate and WCM certifications.



William A. Webb, CET – COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY/TREASURER

Webb is a native of Beckley, WV and graduated from the United Electronics Institute in Charleston, WV. He has 42 years of experience working within Motorola Service Stations (OH, WV, KY), providing installation/service/sales to the two-way radio communications community. He is vice president, general manager and part owner of B&C Communications in Columbus, OH.



William C. Bailey, Ph.D. – EDUCATION CHAIR

Bailey began his electronics career when he entered the United States Navy. As a naval electronics instructor, he taught Micro/Miniature (2M) Solder Repair and certified fleet 2M solder technicians and taught radar fundamentals associated with airborne moving target indicator (AMTI) radar systems. Upon military retirement, he began teaching math and electronics at ITT Technical Institute, where he became Chair of the School of Electronic Technology at the Indianapolis campus. Currently, he serves as an adjunct professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University World Wide Campus.



David Jolliff – EDUCATION SECRETARY/TREASURER

Jolliff started to work in the electronics field in 1979 as a technician managing a small company. His 35 years of experience in this field began with volunteering for the United States Navy and studying avionics. After serving his country, he continued to work in the field of electronics and in October 1995, the California Department of Corrections at Pleasant Valley State Prison offered him a job as an Electronics Technician. Receiving his teaching credentials led to a promotion as an Electronics instructor that has lasted 19 years.



Christopher Hoch, CETma – CERTIFIED TECHNICIAN CHAIR

Hoch has been with Motorola for 23 years and currently serves as a Western Region Technology Support Manager. He attended Basic Electronics and Ground Radio Communications training while serving in the US Air Force. He has 33 years of experience in the electronics industry and is a Master CET. He is involved with the development in several of the Motorola certification exams and training classes.



John Zielinski CETma – CERTIFIED TECHNICIAN SECRETARY/TREASURER

Zielinski retired after 42 years in the electronics field, mostly as a technician. He spent a few years back in the 1970's maintaining radio stations under contract. The last few years, he worked in contract manufacturing doing testing of finished products and conformal coating.



Terry Zaccarino, CET – SHOP CHAIR

Zaccarino's wireless experience includes sales and regional manager for General Electric and owner of Capitol Radio Communications. He started Communications Electronics of Virginia in the early 1990s to design, install, service, and maintain Motorola Communications systems for small and large businesses as well as local, state and federal governments. He also started Three Rivers Management, Inc. in the early 2000's to establish a formal antenna site business.



Clark Adams, CETsr – SHOP SECRETARY/TREASURER

Adams has worked as an instructor at a technical school for many years as well in the office machine industry. He currently works in the troubleshoot/test division of a company which builds circuit boards. He has been a CETsr for many years and was among the first group of technicians to be certified as a CSS. He enjoys music and Amateur Radio, and is licensed as an Extra Class Ham.



Thomas K. Dover – CABLING CHAIR

Dover has spent an entire career managing, maintaining and teaching telecommunication networks. His experience includes telecommunication technology fundamentals, specialty equipment and safety programs for utility companies, government agencies and private organizations. He has delivered training at over 300 sites nationwide, authored over 20 technical and non-technical live and online courses for all faces of the telecommunication and wireless industries. He is the President of DTS, Inc., a Utah-based telecommunication training company.



Thomas Bonner, Ph.D. – CABLING SECRETARY/TREASURER

Bonner holds a Doctorate degree through Mississippi State University and has over 20 separate certifications in fiber optic instruction, teaching fiber optic courses for AT&T, 3M, OFS and Lucent Technologies. He developed training programs for Lucent Technologies ranging from fiber certification to software training used with smart LGXs. He developed the training material for ethernet and has traveled to Iraq six times to do training as well as Algiers and Central Africa. He worked as an instructor for JDSU for eight years.



Jay Warmke, PVI-Lv1 – RENEWABLE ENERGY CHAIR

Warmke and his wife, Annie, established Blue Rock Station in 2004, a sustainable living center that features a passive solar home. Along with his wife, he was presented the 2009 Sustainable Living Award from Rural Action Ohio, and Green Energy Ohio named him 'Pioneer of the Year' in 2011. Currently, he serves as an instructor in renewable energy at the Central Ohio Technical College, a renewable energy instructor for Marcraft, is a contributor to EcoWatch Journal, and also volunteers as the national co-chair of the SkillsUSA Sustainable Solutions contest.



Richard Booth, FOT – STUDENT CHAPTER RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Booth is retired from the United States Air Force and was the Detachment Production Superintendent for Field Training Detachment 211 at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base prior to his retirement. As Detachment 211's lead instructor, he also acted as an intra and interservice liaison for the United States Navy's Miniature/Microminiature circuit card repair program. Additionally, he personally developed courseware for 60+ Air Force electronics, Avionics and Information Technology courses.