SBE Chapter Engineer of the Year Nomination -- 2013

SBE Chapter 17 is pleased to nominate Don Heppelmann, (member number 8858) as our Chapter Engineer of the Year because of his long-standing dedication to the engineering profession and enthusiasm for broadcast technology. When asked which aspect of engineering he likes the best, his response is “Everything!”

Since October, 1979, Don has been employed by KTCA, Twin Cities Public Television in Minneapolis/Saint Paul, Minnesota, and currently serves as a Technical Engineer. He has held the positions of Chair and Co-Chair of the Minnesota EAS Committee since its inception. Outside of work, he has spent countless hours volunteering his time and knowledge to help the Minnesota Department Emergency Management build their control center and write their EAS policies and procedures. Recently, on his own time, he obtained an IT networking certification. This reflects directly on Don’s commitment to gaining more knowledge in order to stay abreast of the rapidly changing engineering environment.

Don is also actively involved with amateur radio events including the annual field day and contesting. Additionally, he works with regional emergency management members regularly implementing EAS in Minnesota.

Over the years, Don’s long-standing dedication to improving emergency management and emergency communications combined with his amiable personality have helped to build strong bonds within the local and national emergency management communities.

This nomination is supported by the following SBE Chapter 17 Executive Committee members:

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