

NBS-AERho Mass E-mail April 3, 2009

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It was quite a convention! A big "thank you" goes out to all those who attended and a bigger "thank you" goes out to those whose contributions of time and energy made the convention possible. We will be updating the NBS-AERho website over the next week to reflect events and activities at the convention. In the meantime, we'll pass along a couple of reminders.

We would like each chapter to send up to five pictures from the convention to nbshq@yahoo.com. We would like to use these pictures on the website and in *Signals Online*. The pictures will also go into the NBS-AERho archives. We are especially interested in pictures of speakers and panel sessions. (Our scheduled convention photographer was unable to attend the convention and our picture-taking was very limited during the sessions.)

The submission deadline for the last edition of *Signals Online* is Monday, April 6. Please get your Chapter Postings and Articles sent to nbsignalsonline@gmail.com. Please include "Signals article" in the subject line of the e-mail.

NBS-AERho Mass E-mail March 10, 2009

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This NBS-AERho update contains information about: a registration for rate for Convention Saturday-only session, convention hotel rooming information, announcement of the SBE Convention Grant winner, an additional Model Chapter report option, an NBS-AERho survey, Student Competition finalists, information on Convention morning show signups, a reminder about resubmitting chapter constitutions, and a proxy request reminder for chapters not attending the convention.

- We have processed convention registrations from three deadlines which normally represents 95% of our registrations. It appears that we will have room to admit additional people to the awards show. So, **we are adding a one-day registration rate** of \$75 for National Undergraduate Student Electronic Media Competition finalists and \$90 for all others. A registration form will be added to the NBS-AERho website by Wednesday morning (3/11/09). That form will have to be filed out and faxed back to

the national office. The one-day registration grants access to all Saturday activities including the awards show.

- If you are planning to register by the March 14 deadline, please read the line that says **it must be received in the national office by March 16**. You may have to use Priority Mail or US Post Office Express mail if you wait to the last minute. (You are sending it to a post office box so FedEx and UPS don't deliver to PO Boxes.)

- The New York LaGuardia Crown Plaza Hotel has agreed to offer sleeping rooms at the current convention rate through Friday. If you have decided to come at the last minute, you can still get the rooms at the convention rate. You can make reservations by calling (718) 457-6300; **you must mention you are part of the NBS** convention to get these rates.

- Are you looking for a convention room-mate? E-mail the national office if you are looking to share a hotel room. We make no guarantees about the character of potential room-mates but we will give you the name and phone number of the chapter advisor if you want a reference. Please e-mail nbsaerho@swbell.net stating: if you have a room reserved or if you are looking for someone with a reserved room, the preferred sex of the roommate, your e-mail and phone number, and the maximum number of people with whom you are will to share in the room. Information (without your full name and contact information) will be posted on the website, until March 17, under the "Conventions" button.

- The **Society of Broadcast Engineers** has announced the winner of their \$250 Ennes Educational Foundation convention lodging grant. **This year's winner is Keith Slawinski from Central Michigan University**. Congratulations Keith!

- The national office has been contacted by several chapters who thought the Model Chapter submission was part of the annual report process. The deadline has often been the same as the annual report but this year was earlier. (VP for Chapter Development, Marilee Morrow is spending time in China and wanted to complete the review of reports before she left.) Since Model Chapter is non-competitive, the national officers agreed to offer a second opportunity for chapters that which to submit their model chapter report. **Your chapter may send your report to the National Office so it is received by Wednesday, March 18**. Since this is a post office box, UPS and FedEx do not deliver. If you wait to the last minute you will have to use Priority Mail or USPS Express mail. Send the report to:

NBS-AERho Model Chapter Reports

P.O. Box 4206
Chesterfield, MO 63006

- The results from the remaining judges have arrived for the National Undergraduate Electronic Media Competitions. Finalists are posted on the NBS-AERho website. Click on the "Student Recognition" button on the navigation bar and then click on the link to the "2008-2009 Student Competition Finalists."

- The national officers need your help in planning the 2010 national convention. A survey will be coming your way this weekend. Please take less than five minutes to fill it out and return it. After all, this is your organization.
- Next week, we will have sign-ups online for convention morning show tours. Several of the tours will need a list of attendees one week in advance of the event. So we will have to submit the list on Friday, March 20. You will have to bring a picture ID on the tour (Friday, March 27).
- For chapters who haven't resubmitted their local constitution, please send a signed copy to arrive in the national office by March 17 or bring a copy to the first business meeting at the national convention.
- A reminder to chapters not attending the convention. You must request a proxy voter for your chapter. The advisor or president should send an e-mail to the executive director indicating the name of your chapter, indicate it is not attending the convention, and request a proxy be appointed.

NBS-AERho Mass E-mail February 27, 2009

You are receiving this message because of your National Broadcasting Society membership. You may reach the NBS national office at nbsaerho@swbell.net.

After reviewing the applications for the Society of Broadcast Engineers Special Convention Grant for lodging at the NBS-AERho 2009 Convention, the scholarship review committee of the SBE felt none of the applications were sufficiently written to earn the grant. The committee identified the primary reasons for this decision to be:

- 1) All applicants had misspellings and grammar mistakes in the application.
- 2) The applicants did not show a compelling interest in Broadcast Engineering.

The scholarship committee of the SBE realizes the application period was limited and NBS-AERho members may have been discouraged and/or rushed in the application process. So the SBE wishes to reopen the application process. Since we are so close to the convention, the time will still be limited. You must submit the application via e-mail by **11:59 pm, Thursday, March 5. Previous applicants and others are strongly encouraged to apply for this \$250 grant** that can be applied to your stay at the New York LaGuardia Crowne Plaza hotel for the convention.

For more information and some tips in writing for grants, go to www.nbs-aerho.org. Click on the "Chapter Materials" button on the navigation bar and then click on the link for "Special Messages."

NBS-AERho Mass E-mail February 18, 2009

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This is a reminder about some important NBS-AERho deadlines. For your personal reference, please check and make sure you are covered.

[] The **e-mail deadline** for the **\$250 convention grant from the Society of Broadcast Engineers** is **11:59 pm tonight (2/18/09) local time**. For more information and an application form go the NBS-AERho website at www.nbs-aerho.org, click on "Conventions" then click on "Special SBE Convention Grant." When you submit an application, you will receive an e-mail confirmation within 24 hours.

[] We have posted a **Tentative 2009 Convention schedule** on our website. Click on "Conventions," then click on "Tentative Convention Schedule."

[] **February 14** was the **postmark deadline** for **spring membership renewals**. If you are planning to attend the national convention at the member rate, your membership must be active (paid).

[] **February 24** is the **postmark deadline** for the **"Regular" Convention registration** rate. The registration form can be found on the website by clicking on "Conventions" then clicking on "Convention Registration Form."

[] **February 24** is the **deadline** for **convention hotel reservations** to guarantee the \$169 rate. Call the New York City LaGuardia Crowne Plaze Hotel at (718) 457-6300; you must mention you are part of the NBS convention to get these rates and for NBS-AERho to get contractual credit.

[] **February 24** is the **deadline for chapters to e-mail** their **Annual Reports**. Information can be found on the website then clicking on "Chapter Material," then clicking on "Annual Report Guidelines."

[] **February 24** is the **deadline to e-mail** **nominations for Society Awards**. Information and nomination forms can be found on the website by clicking on "Student Recognition" and then clicking on the items under "Awards Forms."

[] **February 28** is **postmark deadline** for **Alpha Epsilon Rho applications** for those to be initiated at the 2009 convention. Application forms are found on the NBS-AERho website by clicking on "Alpha Epsilon Rho" and then clicking on "Click here to download the AERho Application."

[] **February 28** is the **e-mail deadline** for **Student Advisory Council applications**. The application form can be found on our website by clicking on "Student Recognition" and then clicking on the "2009-2010 SAC Application."

[] **March 7** is the **e-mail deadline** for **chapters NOT attending the national convention** to notify the national office of the chapter that will cast your proxy vote. If you have not found a chapter to do so, contact the national office at nbsaerho@swbell.net to request a proxy be assigned.

[] **March 14** is the **postmark deadline** for the **"March In" Convention Registration rate** (if space is still available). (**Registrations must be received at the national office by March 17**, so expedited postage is recommended if you are mailing March 10.)

Answers to some questions about the national convention can be found in the latest edition of *Signals Online*. (Click on the *Signals Online* button on the NBS-AERho website, then click on the "January 2009" issue. Of course, questions can also be asked at nbsaerho@swbell.net or by calling 636-536-1943. However, we have been averaging more than 100 contacts (telephone or e-mail) a day since early January. So we do have periods when we fall behind in responding.

NBS-AERho Mass E-mail February 10, 2009

You are receiving this message because of your National Broadcasting Society membership. You may reach the NBS national office at nbsaerho@swbell.net.

I am writing about three important items related to the NBS-AERho national convention in New York, March 24-29.

- 1) Our developing relationship with the Society of Broadcast Engineers has led to an exciting development! **A special \$250 convention grant is being offered by the Society** for students who may wish to pursue a career in broadcast engineering. Since time is running short before the convention, the application form is simple and **the deadline is February 18**. Go to the NBS-AERho website (www.nbs-aerho.org), click on "Conventions," then click on "Special SBE Convention Grant" for a link to more information/application form. We hope to announce a winner before the February 24 convention registration deadline.
- 2) If you have recently tried to contact the hotel for convention room reservations and were told by the reservations department that there were: 1) no rooms available, 2) only smoking rooms available, or 3) the only rooms left were at a \$199-a-night rate...**call the hotel reservations service back and e-mail me**. For the third time since convention reservations started to be made, the hotel's computer system has generated incorrect information about our room block. **The room rate for the hotel is \$169 per night (plus tax) as we have had posted since last summer**. At this point there are about 65 rooms left in our block. The deadline for hotel room reservations is Tuesday, February 24 or when they sell out of available rooms. (That may happen but it hasn't happened yet.) If you have had a problem with this misinformation, please contact me. If people moved to another hotel or simply decided not to come to the convention, that decision impacts the finances of our hotel contract.
- 3) We have posted a **Tentative** 2009 Convention schedule on our website (www.nbs-aerho.org). Click on "Conventions," then click on "Tentative Convention Schedule." We rely on volunteer speakers, panelists, and participants. Many are eager to help but have to wait to confirm their available time slots because their employer comes first. On the **tentative schedule**, we have some sessions that will get more focused in the coming weeks. We will also add panelists' names as we get closer to the convention. Some time slots may have to be changed but this is the general layout of the convention so you can better plan your schedule. We will update every couple of days as information changes.

There are always challenges along the way but it looks like things are coming together so we will have an exciting event where you will learn a great deal and have lots of fun!