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### **2008-2009 ELECTED ETA INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

GREENCASTLE, Ind. – This year at ETA's annual conference the 2008-2009 officers were installed to lead the 5,500-member Electronics Technicians Association, International. They are the following:

#### **Chairman - Bill Sutton, CET**

Bill Sutton, Senior Certified Electronics Technician, an electronics department head and instructor at ITT Technical Institute in Albuquerque, NM. He has served as an ETA officer in the past, as well as in other committee chairman posts. Sutton was also the 2006 recipient of one of ETA's highest awards, "Educator of the Year".

#### **Vice Chairman - Scott Bachrach, RESI**

Scott Bachrach is the Senior Vice President of Mobile Training & Education (MT&E), a training firm that provides services to colleges and universities across the country. He works regularly with students from a variety of fields, including military personnel and telecommunications workers to expand their knowledge and help them achieve certification in electronics, as well as other fields.

Prior to his current position, Bachrach was the Director of Information Technology for Unitex Textile Rental Services for 11 years, a premier healthcare related company in the North East, where he researched, designed, implemented, and supported a variety of electronics in a fast paced production environment. Bachrach's systems experience encompassed everything from basic office systems, custom computer applications, local and wide area networking, telecommunications, radio frequency identification, plant automation and various other electronics systems.

MT&E has enjoyed its continued relationship with ETA that began in late 2005. Since then, over 2500 ETA certifications have been processed from MT&E.

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**Secretary- Jason Land, CSS**

Mr. Land has 10+ years of field experience with computers and networks. He has two years of field experience with low-voltage electronics. Currently he works with access controls and CCTV security systems. He attended ITT Tech for Computer Electronics Engineering Technologies (CEET).

Land became involved with ETA through his student chapter #115 in April of 2005 and soon became secretary of the chapter. During this time, he was awarded second place in the computer maintenance arena of the 2006 SkillsUSA competition and earned his certified customer service specialist. Land serves as the Alabama State Representative for ETA. In 2007, he accepted the nomination for Secretary/Treasurer of the ETA Education Division.

**Treasurer - Fred Weiss, RESI**

Fred Weiss graduated from Streetsboro High School in 1966. After a year of doing radio repair in the family business decided the electronics field was the one to pursue. Weiss graduated from McKim Technical Institute in Akron, Ohio in 1969. In 1970, he became a CET and received a First Class Radio Telephone license with a radar endorsement. While attending McKim, Weiss used his daytime experience to land a job as a lab instructor a couple nights a week.

Upon graduation he was offered a teaching position at McKim, which he accepted. Weiss also purchased Newman TV and ran it in partnership with another McKim graduate for several years. When his teaching load became too much to keep both venues going, Weiss sold out his share of the TV shop to his partner and taught both day and evening classes at McKim. While still teaching at McKim, Weiss later took on a part time position as a broadcast engineer for WSLR to better understand the broadcast industry.

In 1977, he took a position as a bench technician with Dale's Color TV where he was sent off to Panasonic and Sony schools to learn VCR servicing. After three years of servicing, Weiss returned to McKim as chief instructor where he stayed until 1986 at which time he took a teaching position with the Akron Public Schools.

Weiss has been teaching a very successful high school electronics program at Akron's East High School since 1986. During this time, Weiss attended Kent State University evenings and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 2002. His program at East is a Tech Prep Program in partnership with the University of Akron and has been since 1991. The program and instructor are both certified through ETA-I. Weiss is leading the way in Akron and Ohio by training his students to become certified Customer Service Specialists as well as SETs or CETs.

**Communications Division Chair - Thomas Walker, CETsr**

Mr. Walker has over thirty years of experience in electronics. He holds several ETA certifications including WCMsr, RADsr, IND, and CST. Currently Walker is employed at Pellissippi State Technical Community College as Chief GED Examiner and Testing Technician. He is a retired U.S. Marine Mastersergent (E8). Walker has received all of his electronics training through the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps in which he served two tours in Vietnam.

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From 1990-2005, Walker was a full time instructor at ITT Technical Institute in Knoxville, Tennessee. Currently, serving as an adjunct for the BAS and AS EET Programs. He was also an adjunct instructor at Pellissippi State Technical Community College, Knoxville, TN.

He has had great ETA success by receiving the 2005 ETA Presidents Award, 2006 ETA Technician of the Year, and one of the Top 10 ETA Certification Administrators several times. He was also the Industrial Committee Chairman from 2004-2006 and Sub-element Chairman of the GROL/FCC Upgrade 2004-2005. Walker is a National ACT Test Administrator, as well as certified to administer all ACT/Prometric exams (Standard and High Stakes), CastelWorldwide, ISO, NOCTI, CLEP, and DAN TES exams.

**Communications Div. Secretary/Treasurer - Ira Wiesenfeld, CETsr**

Ira Wiesenfeld, P.E., is a consulting engineer who has been involved with commercial radio systems since 1966. He has spent time working in the broadcast, two-way radio, mobile telephone, paging, microwave, military, and public safety radio systems, and has consulted with most of the major manufacturers in the radio industry. Wiesenfeld is the author of *Wiring for Wireless Sites*, available from Delmar Thompson / Prompt Publishing, and multiple magazine articles on radio technology and engineering.

He has a BSEE from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas; holds a FCC General Radiotelephone Operator License; is an ETA Senior Certified Electronic Technician; and is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Texas. He proudly holds an Advanced class Amateur radio license WA5GXP which he has held since 1963 and also C6AJW from the Bahamas. He has been married to his best friend Natalie for over 35 years.

**Education Division Chair - Richard Booth, FOT**

Booth was the Detachment Production Superintendent for Field Training Detachment 211 at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base prior to his retirement. During his 20+ years Air Force career, he personally conducted over 9,400 formal classroom hours for 1,050 aircraft technicians. As Detachment 211's lead instructor, Booth also acted as an intra and inter-service liaison for the United States Navy's Miniature/Micro miniature circuit card repair program. Additionally, he personally developed courseware and oversaw courseware development for 60+ Air Force electronics, Avionics and Information Technology courses. As part of his duties, Booth directed and managed the Detachment's IT department in support of LAN operations and offsite database security.

Booth has earned several certifications and higher level awards while in the U.S. Air Force in the disciplines of: Air Education and Training Command, Occupational Instructor, Teaching and Air Force Logistics I and II, Information Technology, Electrical Engineering, and Avionics. He also received several A.S. Degrees from the Community College of the Air Force, BSBIS and MSMIS Degrees from University of Phoenix. He also serves as a subject matter expert for ETA.

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**Education. Division Secretary/Treasurer - James Diehl, FOI**

Diehl has been in the electronics industry for more than 30 years. He started his career in his home state of Pennsylvania with a local CATV provider, which was later bought out by Tele-Communications Inc. This began Diehl's immersion into long distance microwave and satellite communications for the CATV industry. This led him to work for AT&T Earth Telemetry Division for eight years and a transfer to Texas, where he currently resides. Of course everyone in Texas works in the Oil Business. Diehl had to move into this industry. He worked for Phoenix Drilling Services Bore Hole Division for ten years. While he was employed by Phoenix, he became addicted to the computer systems that are such an integral part of energy exploration. He has been in love with computers ever since then. The explosion of the personal computer drove Diehl to start his own computer retail store in Corpus Christi. He was fortunate to ride the rise of the machines in the 1990's and still do consulting work, although he sold the store in 2002.

Diehl believes that his electronics career and experience allowed him to become an electronics instructor at Del Mar College. He has worked at the college for the past ten years. He holds numerous certifications: ETA-FOI, A+ and Net +, IBM Server Specialist, Alcatel ACSS, and AAS Electronics & Communications degree. He looks forward to serving the community of ETA International.

**Certified Technician Division Chair - Beverly Turek, CST, NCT**

Beverly Turek holds seven different certifications in the technology field. She is the owner and operator of three growing businesses located in Bryan and College Station, Texas - Turek's Computer DR, Twice Around Sales, and Computer Training Turek believes education is extremely important, therefore the training program was developed to help others continue to advance and succeed in the technology field.

Turek is also active in the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) and Leading Women Express Network (LWEN). She currently serves as the VP of Web Development for Leading Women Express Network which assists in the development of the website.

Turek is a mentor to all those seeking knowledge about computers and the field of technology. She is active with the Downtown Bryan Economic Development Association; she's donated time and effort with Hospice Brazos Valley, Habitat for Humanity, March of Dimes, Bryan High School and A&M Consolidated High School by mentoring kids each summer in the technology field. Beverly believes in assisting in other's success. She provides internships for adults and children who show a high level of interest in the field, and want to excel in learning.

Beverly's accolades include the following: 2007 Newman Top 10 Nominee, 2007 Stevie Awards Finalist "Mentor of the Year", 2007 Woman in Technology Award, 2007 Best Company Advancing Woman in Technology Field, 2007 Leading Women's Express Network Woman of the Year Nominee, 2008 Newman Top 10 Nominee, 2008 Leading Women's Express Network Woman of the Year Nominee, 2008 American Business Women's Association Woman of the Year Nominee, 2008 Honor Roll National Association of Executive Woman, and 2008 Honored by Cambridge Who's Who. She is a member of LWEN – Leading Women Express Network, ABWA – American Business Women's Association, BNI – Aggieland Professional Networking, DBEDA - Downtown Bryan Economic Development Association, Cambridge Who's Who, and National Association of Executive Woman.

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**Cert. Technician Division Secretary/Treasurer - George P. Lister, CETma**

Lister has been a Computer Technician of Automation & Controls Group at the United States Gypsum Company in Sweetwater, Texas, since 1985. He has also been the owner of GEO Technical Services, which specializes in home theater installation and calibration. Lister has an AAS in Electronics Servicing from Texas State Technical College, B.S. in Criminal Justice from Colorado Technical University and is currently enrolled in the MS Forensic Science Program, National University, La Jolla, CA. From 1976-1980, Lister served in the U.S. Navy, Submarine Service, Digital Satellite Communications.

Lister has the following certifications from ETA, CET, CST, CNST, CNCT, CAST, AVD and DCIC. Other certifications include: CompTIA - A+, Network+, Server+, Linux+(SME), e-Biz+(SME), HTI+(SME), i-Net+, Security+, Certified Control Systems Technician (Level 3) from the Instrumentation, Systems & Automation society (ISA), Home Acoustics Alliance (HAA) – Audio Calibrator Level 1, Imaging Science Foundation (ISF) – Certified Video Calibrator, Fiber Optics Association (FOA) – Certified Fiber Optic Specialist/Testing (CFOS/T), Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) Certified in Convergent Networking Technology (CCNT), and Fluke Networks – Certified Cable Testing Technician (CCTT).

Memberships include: ETA International, Instrumentation, Systems & Automation Society – Senior Member, Fiber Optics Association, and Home Acoustics Alliance. Lister is also an Industry Advisory Committee Member – Computer Network Systems and Administration Program at the Texas State Technical College/West Texas, Sweetwater, Texas. He has also serves as a CST and CNST certification committee member.

He is an avid audiophile - repair & restoration of 60s and 70s era JBL and Pioneer audio gear. As well as a motorcycle enthusiast, that has ridden the same Harley Davidson everyday for 25 years.

**Shop Owner Division Chair - Thomas Janca, CETsr**

Mr. Janca is currently a communication engineering project manager for POWER Engineers while consulting and training independently. He has given warmly welcomed presentations for ETA conventions since 2003 with a discussion of CDMA technology to last year's presentation on the Smith Chart and VNA measurements. He has served for the past few years on the technical committee for the ETA approved telecom contest at the SkillsUSA Nationals. Over 22 years of experience in technology and still counting, he brings personal experience and insightful historic perspectives to his presentations in a lively and engaging manner. His passion is people and the technology that connects and enriches their lives.

**Shop Division Secretary/Treasurer - Thomas Bonner, PhD, FOT**

Bonner holds a Doctorate degree from Mississippi State University in education. He has over 14 years experience in teaching fiber optic courses for AT&T, 3M, OFS, Lucent Technologies and FNT. His certifications include 3M Fiber Products and Systems, Sorrento DWDM Metro Fiber, OFS connectors, QA/QC inspection, and Gigabit Ethernet. He has assisted in the development of certification programs for Lucent Technologies ranging from fiber certification to smart LGX's. He is currently employed by JDS Uniphase.

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**Chapter Relations Director - Matthew Jorgenson, CETma**

Jorgenson was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and grew up in Efland, North Carolina. He graduated from Orange High School in Hillsborough, North Carolina, with honors as president of the National Technical Honors Society. He joined the North Carolina National Guard in October 2003 and was sent to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, for basic training. Upon completion of basic training, Jorgenson went to Fort Gordon, Georgia, for 31R(Multi-Channel Transmissions Systems Operator Maintainer), which is now 25Q. In June 2005, he was honorably discharged from the National Guard and enlisted in the Regular Army the same month. He reported to his first duty station at Fort Polk, Louisiana, in October 2005 and was assigned to BSTB 4/10 MTN DIV. In March 2006, Jorgenson was attached to 2/10 MTN DIV during their rotation at NTC. Upon completion of the rotation, he received an Army Achievement Medal for flawless signal support operating the HCLOS. As his military term was coming to an end, he was afforded the opportunity to take classes with the University of Central Missouri to enhance his communication technology abilities. During these classes Jorgenson was able to take various certification exams, which eventually allowed Jorgenson to become the youngest person to ever attain the ETA master designation, CETma. Currently he is a police officer at the University of North Carolina. His goal is to become a cyber crimes investigator.

Jorgenson has achieved his master status with ETA by receiving the following certifications: Computer Service Technician (CST), Certified Network Computer Technician (CNCT), Certified Network Systems Technician (CNST), Certified Fiber Optics Technician (FOT), Certified Broadband VoIP (B-VoIP), and Other certifications earned include: Certified Wireless Network Technician (WNT), and FCC General Radiotelephone Operator (GROL) with Ship Radar Endorsement, and Certified Fiber Optics Installer (FOI),

**Cabling Division Chair - Robert Hickey, FOI, DCI**

Mr. Hickey started installing fiber optics and data cabling in 1993. He continued until 1996 and then started teaching in the fiber and data cabling industry. He has installed fiber optics and data cabling at the following locations, the Massachusetts State building, Lahey Clinic, North Shore Community College, MCI World Com, along with Smarthome installations in Naples, FL. Some of the Fiber Optic and cabling training Hickey has done in the pass 12 years has been for Verizon, Army National Guard, US Air Force, US Navy, and US Army. He has instructed at Brooklyn College, NY, Queensboro College, NY, Nash Community College, NC, North Shore Community College, MA and several other colleges on a contract basis. He continues to teach at North Shore Community College part time.

He retired in 1993 from the USMC after 22 years of service. He is a member of the SkillsUSA National Education Team for Telecom cabling and currently employed at Complete Learning Solution as the Program Director for Telecom training.

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**Cabling Secretary/Treasurer - Wayne Siverling, FOI, DCI**

Wayne K. Siverling, (MSgt USAF Retired) has over 25 years in the telecommunications industry. Currently is an instructor for the US Air Force Cable & Antenna Systems Journeyman Course. Prior to that he was 2E6X2 Communications Cable and Antenna Systems Career Field Development Course Writer for the 364<sup>th</sup> Training Squadron, 782d Training Group, 82d Training Wing, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. He is directly responsible for the technical and military training of over 500 U.S. and international military and civilian DOD personnel annually, in initial and advanced courses. He provides instruction in basic and advanced fiber optics, telecommunications, and antenna maintenance on the largest and most diverse training base in Air Education and Training Command. Mr. Siverling is directly responsible for the certification testing of 550 Electronics Technicians Association Certified Fiber Optic Installers.

Siverling graduated from Salina Kansas; Salina High Central in May 1983. His education includes: 1983-Cable Installation & Maintenance Course, Sheppard AFB, Texas, 1995-Associate Science Degree; Military Instructor Technology; Community College of the Air Force, 1999-Associate of Science Degree; Electronic Systems Technology; Community College of the Air Force, 2003-Electronics Technicians Association Fiber Optic Administrator, 2005-Associate of Science Degree, Education Management, Wayland Baptist University, 2005-Electronics Technicians Association Certified Fiber Optic Installer, and 2007-Electronics Technicians Association Certified Customer Service Specialist.

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The association members consist of nearly 10,000 members; 692 Subject Matter Experts (SME's) serving on various Industry Advisory Committees, and over 950 Exam/Certification Administrators (CA's). ETA aligns with individual professional goals, vocational and education curriculums, and businesses' resource initiatives through our certification programs, conferences, speaking engagements, and book and journal publications.

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