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Clyde Smith Recipient of 2019 NABA International Achievement Award

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Toronto, ON – January 28, 2019 – Long time broadcast veteran Clyde Smith will be awarded the NABA International Achievement Award this year at the NABA Annual General Meeting on February 5th at NBCUniversal in New York. Clyde has recently retired from Fox Networks, Engineering and Operations, but still provides valuable advice to our industry.

Clyde is a Life Fellow of the SMPTE and an Honorary Member of the IABM. His list of honours and achievements is several pages long - including an Emmy, Broadcasting and Cable's Technology Leadership award, the SMPTE Progress Medal, and the David Sarnoff Medal - all reflecting his leadership and innovation in many different senior engineering roles at Fox, Turner (TBS) and, believe it or not, with Lockheed Space Operations on transport and communication systems for the Space Shuttle, after the Challenger accident.

The NABA award celebrates his leadership in all those areas and recognizes his later years at Fox, where he worked with NABA colleagues to develop common metadata and specifications for file formats.

In the course of that work, Clyde forged relationships with the U.K.'s Digital Production Partnership (DPP) and the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) to develop these specifications in a manner which would serve global program exchange. These North American specifications have now been included in SMPTE's IMF Specifications and BXF Standards with UHD TV to come this year.

NABA President Richard Friedel (EVP, Technology Strategy, 21st Century Fox), noted: "Clyde's engineering innovation and technology leadership was always focussed on who was doing it best and what we can do to make it work for all of us." Clyde is a global thinker and followed the Marshall McLuhan principle of "think globally and act locally."

Clyde got his start in AM, FM and TV stations in Bangor, Maine. After almost 50 years of service, leadership and innovation that focussed on improving workflow interoperability, increasing efficiency and streamlining facilities, Clyde has been known to say, "Keeping it simple, making fewer mistakes, and being more productive is the goal of technological innovation."

Upon finding out that he would receive the award, Clyde said: "It has been my privilege to work closely with the talented and dedicated staff and members of NABA as well as the DPP, EBU, SMPTE and BBC to develop fundamental improvements in Interoperability. I am deeply thankful for their participation, contributions and for this prestigious recognition of our achievements together."

Congratulations, Clyde!

The NABA International Achievement Award is bestowed to a single individual for an "outstanding contribution" to the international art and/or science of radio or television that has made a "significant impact on, or improvement in" the state of one or both of these arts.

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