

Broadcast Engineers and Technology
Training & Recruitment





### Agenda

- Understanding the challenge
- The facts from SBE data
- SBE's education efforts
- SBE's certification efforts
- SBE's mentoring program
- Other sources for technical knowledge
  - Online
  - In-person training
- Your questions



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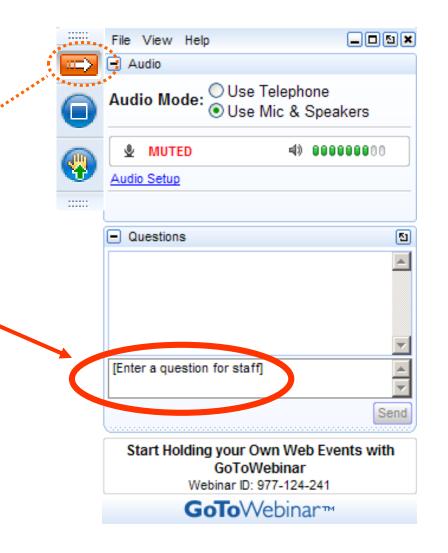
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Please enter your questions in the text box of the webinar control panel (remember to press send)



Remember: The completion of a Nautel webinar qualifies for ½ SBE re-certification credit, identified under Category I of the Recertification Schedule for SBE Certifications.





# **Employment Trends**



# **US Bureau of Labor Statistics**



1999 25,570 employed in technical

positions at radio and television

stations

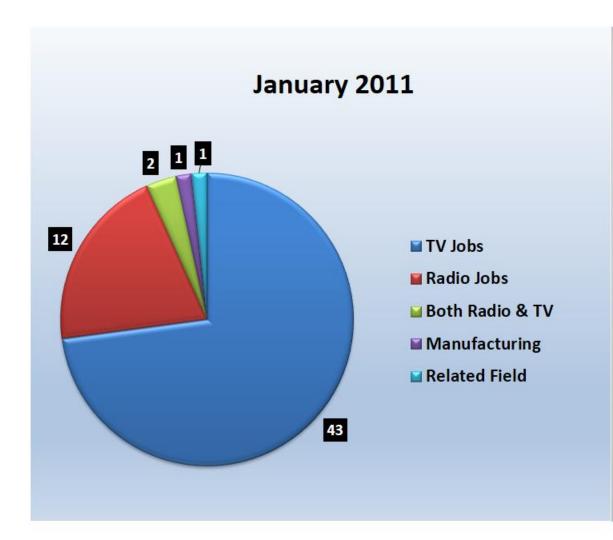
2008 Technical broadcast employment

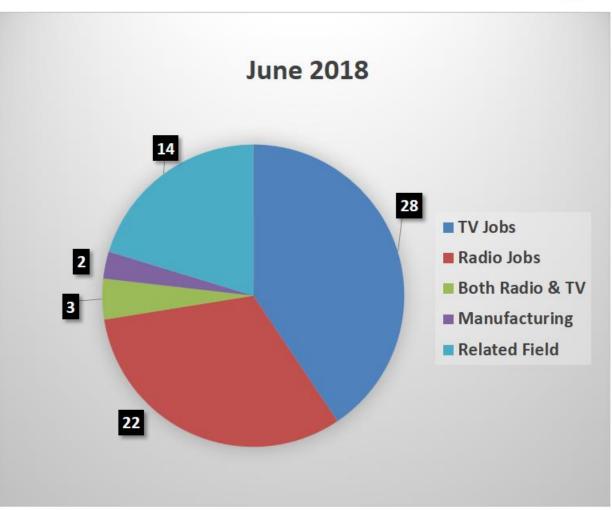
down to 22,200

Technical broadcast employment rises slightly to 23,400

#### Number of Jobs Available by Broadcast Facility

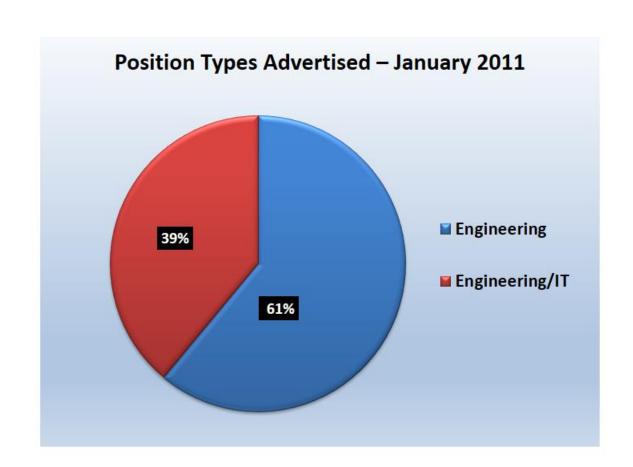


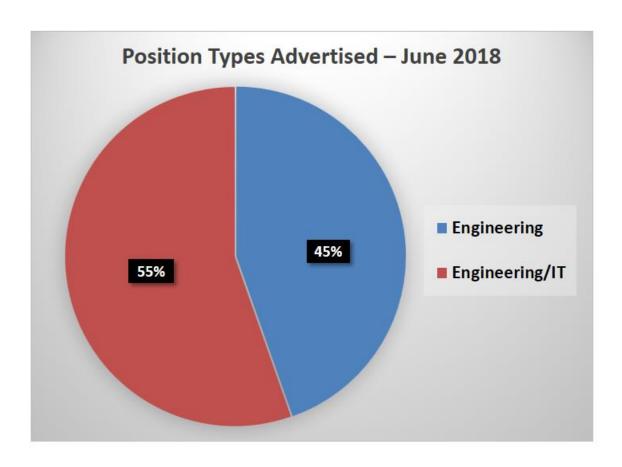




### **Positions Types Advertised on SBE JOBSonline**



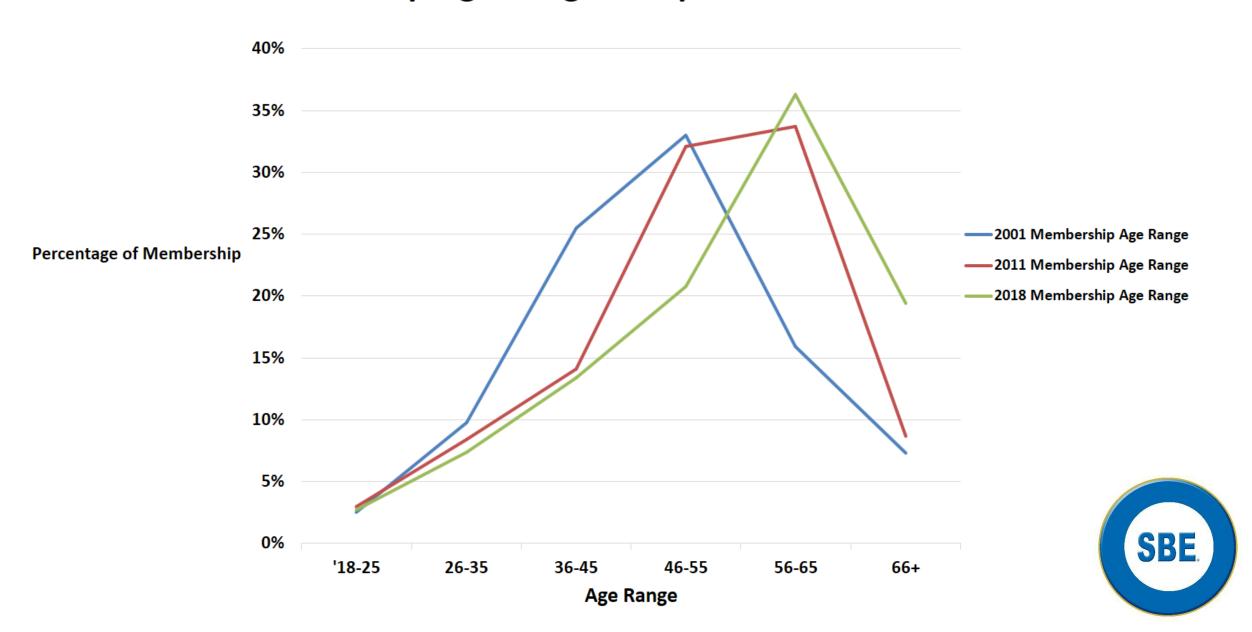


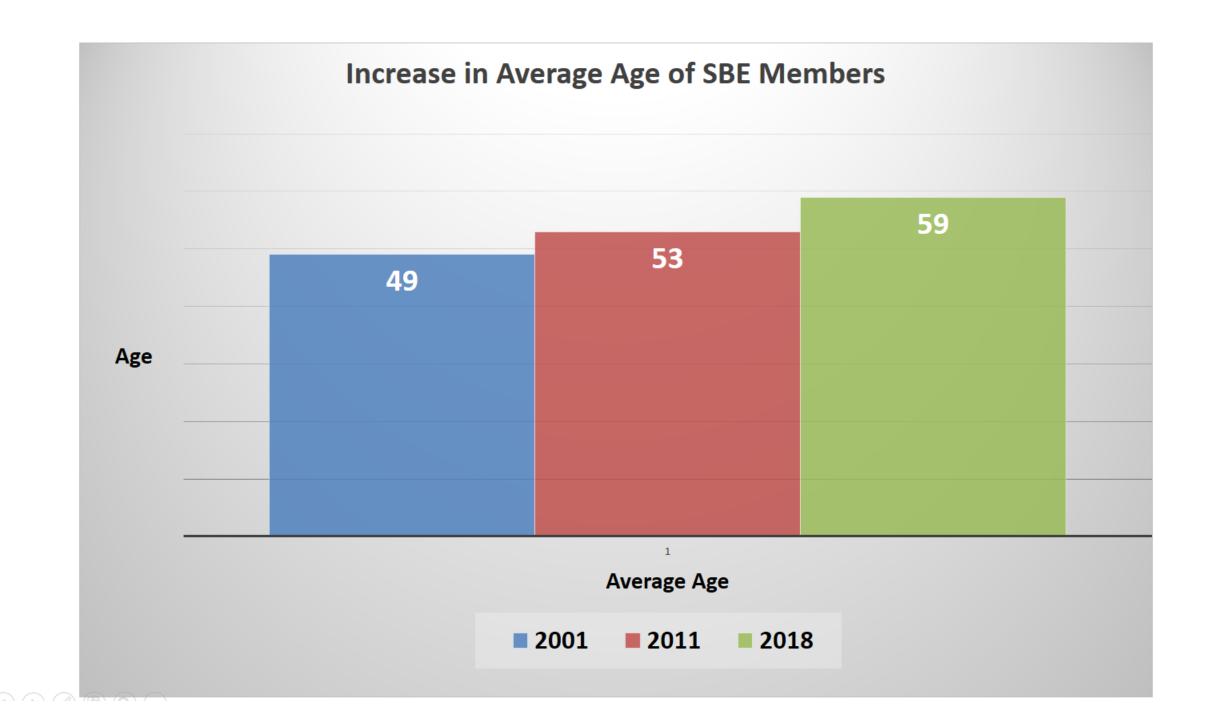


# SBE Membership Trends

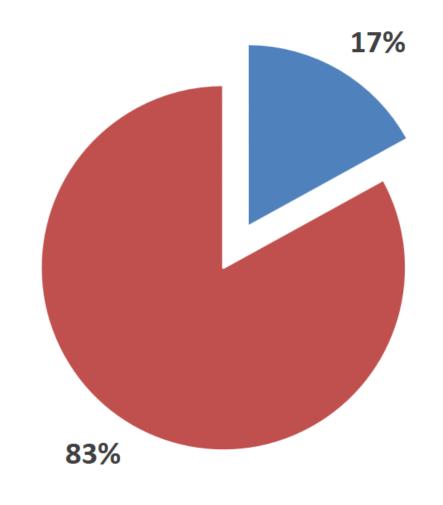


#### SBE Membership Age Range Comparison 2001, 2011, 2018





#### **New SBE Member Age Range in 2018**

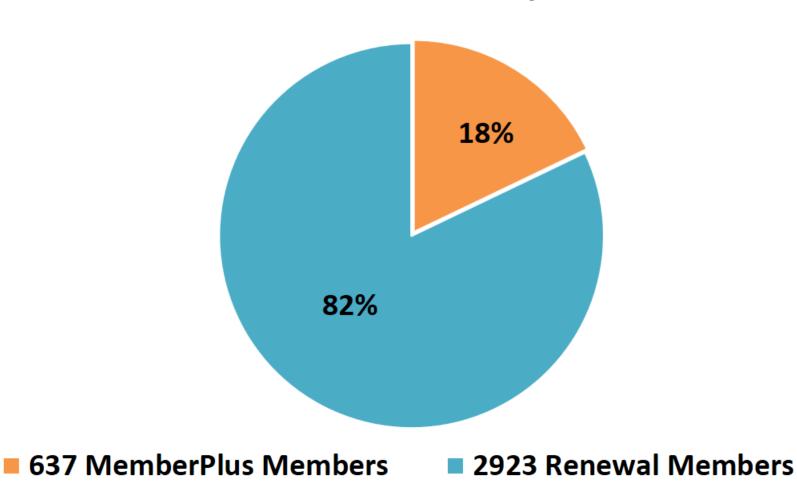


■ New Members Under Age 31

■ All Other New Members



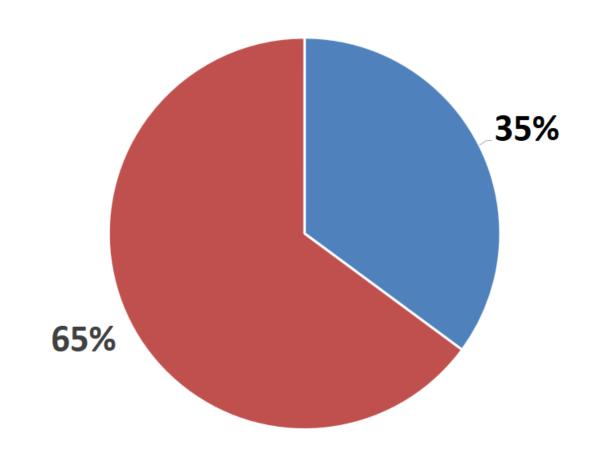
# Members Renewing with SBE MemberPlus Option







#### **New SBE MemberPlus Members**



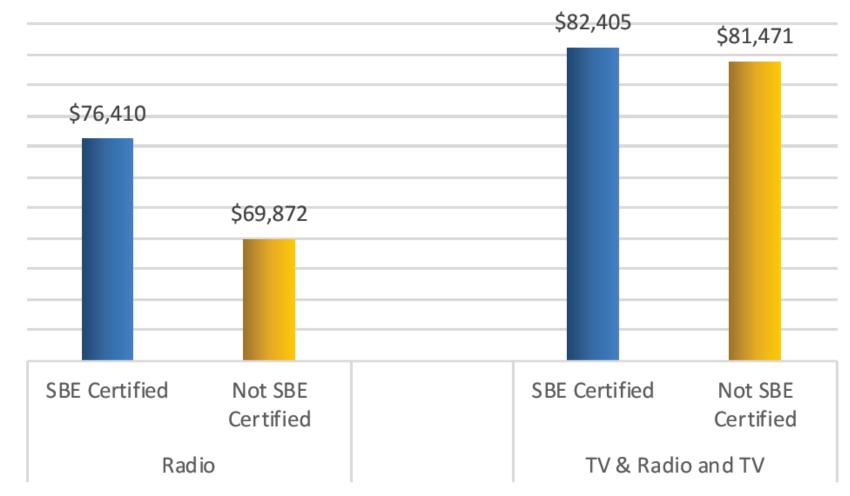
■ 92 SBE MemberPlus Members ■ 170 Traditional New Members

### Certification Shown to Impact the Paycheck

#### Salary With and Without SBE Certification









### SBE Cornerstone Programs

- Education
  - Webinars
  - SBE University
  - In-Person Tutorials

- Certification
  - Entry Level
  - Mid-Career Levels
  - Professional Levels







## SBE Professional Development Focus



#### 5 Years Ago:

- Helping the "Traditional" Broadcast Engineer Learn "IT"
- Focus Upon "IP Networking" as a Foundation

#### 1 Year Ago:

- Helping the "Traditional" IT Professional Learn "Broadcast Engineering"
- Focus Upon "RF Technology" as a Foundation



### SBE Professional Development Focus



#### Today:

- Focus Upon the Broadcast Engineer "IT" Skill Development
- Focus Upon the IT Professional "Broadcast Engineering" Skill
   Development
- Address Changing Technology Areas:
  - Cloud Technology
  - ATSC 3.0
  - Cybersecurity
  - Fundamentals (audio, video, RF)





#### The Next Generation

 The Traditional Broadcast Engineer Career Path No Longer Exists!

- IT Skill Set in Demand
  - Skill Set Similar Understand Differences
- Military Background
  - Good IT & RF Background
  - Lacking:
    - High Power Broadcast
    - FCC Rules & Regulations









# The Industry Debate



- Is It Easier to Train the Broadcast Engineer in IT?
- Is It Easier to Train the IT Professional in BE?
- Often Overlooked (more than technology):
  - The BE Grew-Up in the Broadcasting Business
  - The IT Guru Must Understand the Broadcasting Business



# SBE Professional Development





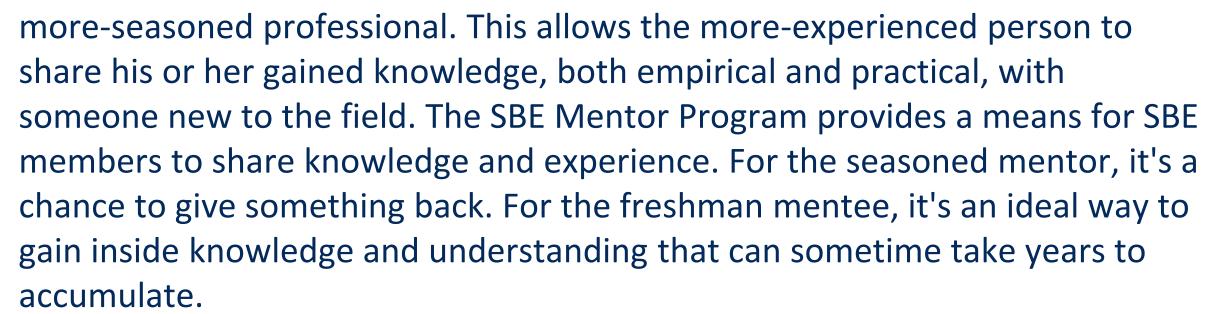




# SBE Mentorship Program

The SBE Mentor Program is designed to help broadcast engineers who are new to the field.









# **Upcoming SBE Webinars**

- Advanced RF Series:
  - Transmitter Site Safety June 14 (Tomorrow)
  - FM Transmitter Systems June 28
  - FM Antenna Systems July 26
- Coming Soon:
  - More Advanced RF Series Webinars
  - Cybersecurity
  - ATSC 3.0





## Upcoming SBE Regional Ennes Workshops

- Lincoln, NE August 15, 2018
- Kansas City, KS August 21, 2018

#### Resulting Safety Concerns

I have been getting calls from IT people who are struggling with transmitters that are beyond their level of education or understanding. Those people often do not have the Ohm's Law basic knowledge to help them think through component level troubleshooting problems. Any upcoming radio broadcast engineer needs to recognize this and train accordingly to be equipped mentally to deal with this when it occurs.

Mark Persons, "Where Have All the Engineers Gone?", Radio World, 16 May 2012

- More and more, the person tasked in maintaining the station may have a solid IT background, but have much less training and experience related to dealing with high voltage situations.
  - Power Supplies
  - Tube cavities
  - RF Filters, Phasors, Antenna Tuning Networks





## Upcoming SBE Leadership Development Course

Atlanta, GA – August 7-9, 2018





### **ABA Engineering Academy**

September 24 – 28: Basic Radio Engineering October 15 – 19: Basic Television Engineering





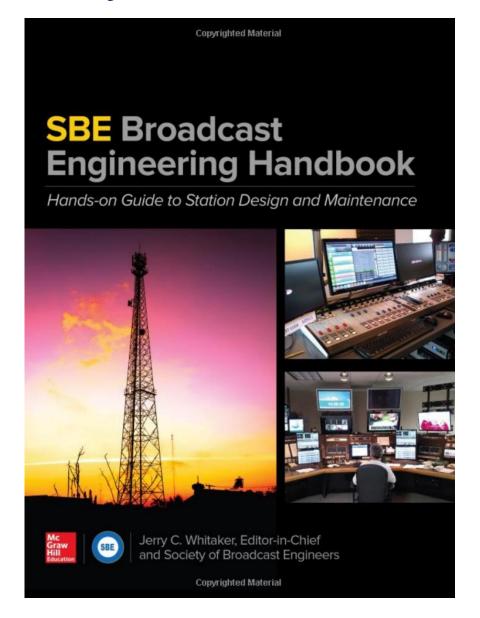


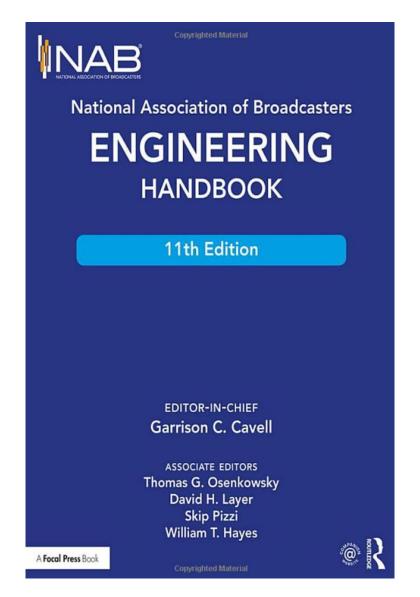




http://al-ba.com/wp2/aba-engineering-academy-registration/

### Self Study







# In-person Training

- Ennes Workshops: <a href="http://www.sbe.org/sections/ennes-workshops.php">http://www.sbe.org/sections/ennes-workshops.php</a>
- SBE Leadership Development Course: <u>http://www.sbe.org/sections/SBELeadershipCourse.php</u>
- NAB BE&IT Conference:
- <a href="https://www.nabshow.com/education/conference/broadcast-engineering-information-technology-conference">https://www.nabshow.com/education/conference/broadcast-engineering-information-technology-conference</a>
- Other regional conferences:
- http://www.sbe.org/sections/edu\_conferences.php
- Nautel Post-NAB: <a href="http://www.nautel.com/nab/post-nab-training/">http://www.nautel.com/nab/post-nab-training/</a>
- Nautel NUG: <a href="http://www.nautel.com/support/nug/the-nug-what-is-it-why-join/">http://www.nautel.com/support/nug/the-nug-what-is-it-why-join/</a>
- Nautel paid training: <a href="http://www.nautel.com/support/training/">http://www.nautel.com/support/training/</a>



# On-Line Training from SBE and Nautel

- SBE University:
   <a href="http://www.sbe.org/sections/SBEUniversity.php">http://www.sbe.org/sections/SBEUniversity.php</a>
- SBE Webinars: <a href="http://www.sbe.org/sections/WebinarsbySBE.php">http://www.sbe.org/sections/WebinarsbySBE.php</a>
- Nautel Webinars: <a href="http://www.nautel.com/webinars/">http://www.nautel.com/webinars/</a>

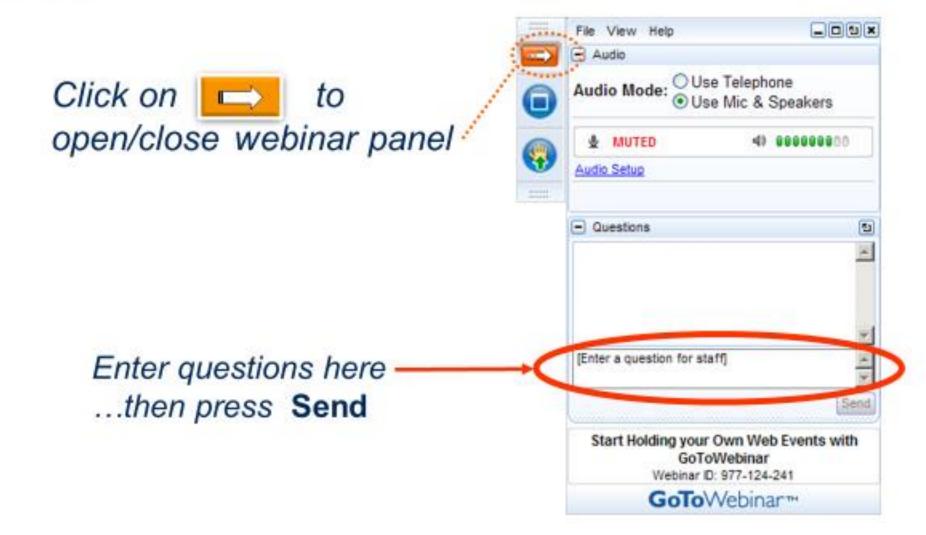


#### Other online sources of Educational Information

- This week in Radio Tech: <a href="http://thisweekinradiotech.com/podcasts/">http://thisweekinradiotech.com/podcasts/</a>
- GatesAir: <a href="http://www.gatesair.com/media-center/webinars">http://www.gatesair.com/media-center/webinars</a>
- Wheatstone: <a href="http://wheatstone.com/news-press-video-events/2016-11-28-12-36-9/how-to-videos-2">http://wheatstone.com/news-press-video-events/2016-11-28-12-36-9/how-to-videos-2</a>
- RadioWorld: <a href="https://www.radioworld.com/resource-center">https://www.radioworld.com/resource-center</a>
- TVTechnology: <a href="https://www.tvtechnology.com/resources">https://www.tvtechnology.com/resources</a>
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- BDR: <a href="https://www.thebdr.net/articles/thisweek.html">https://www.thebdr.net/articles/thisweek.html</a>



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