

AES PNW Section - 2024Oct23-5:30PDT Zoom Chatlog  
"AES Conventions, Past, Present, Future"

Times shown are approx. GMT/UTC (Oct 24), with a calculated offset of 7:41:14 from actual PDT.

01:13:48 Steve Wilkins: Have two working fingers...  
01:13:54 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Reacted to "Have two working fin..." with 👍  
01:15:11 Jayney Wallick: Reacted to "Have two working fin..." with 👍  
01:15:38 Matthew Sutton: New website PNW AES Section-10-24 - PNW AES Section (aessections.org)  
01:15:57 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Reacted to "New website PNW AES ..." with 👍  
01:23:53 Bob Smith: do we need an AES headcount?  
01:25:21 Gary Louie: AES Life Member here  
01:26:11 Alon Torres: I am an AES associate member  
01:31:41 Rob Maher: Rob Maher here, Bozeman Montana. Sorry to not have microphone set up. I joined AES in 1985, I'm an AES Fellow, teach electrical engineering at Montana State University, I've been Convention Papers Chair quite a few times, and I am an associate technical editor and deputy editor in chief of the AES Journal. Thanks to PNW for putting this evening together.  
01:33:15 Steve Wilkins: Professional musician, performed in public for decades. Degree in Psychology, worked in Acoustics Research doing such things as articulation testing for accuracy of pilot to tower headset communications in simulated noise of aircraft cabin. Also complete Social survey of SeaTac Airport and defended Port of Seattle when the Highline School district sued Port over noise. AES member  
01:36:15 Gary Eickmeier: My email address is geickmei@outlook.com  
02:07:58 Michael Ashton: I don't think booth cost doubled - I paid basically the same as last year. I hope I didn't get a raw deal. 😊  
02:11:20 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Reacted to "I don't think booth ..." with 👍  
02:21:46 Gary Louie: My video walkthru was from Tuesday, the 1st day.  
02:22:58 Rob Maher: (This year the convention was mid-week. Sometimes it has straddled a weekend, and that seemed to create more foot traffic for the trade show. For the paper technical sessions and workshops, the days of the week don't really matter.)  
02:23:34 Gary Louie: Official AES photos on Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/aesorg/albums/>  
02:48:08 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Oct 18-21 2025 in Long Beach, CA  
02:48:47 Jayney Wallick: Thanks Jess  
02:49:51 Rob Maher: Agreed—thanks for the history effort!  
02:50:06 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Reacted to "Thanks Jess" with 👍  
02:50:10 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Reacted to "Agreed—thanks for th..." with 🙌  
02:50:51 Jayney Wallick: Reacted to "Agreed—thanks for th..." with 🙌

02:51:05 Gary Louie: AES Live video on John Storyk - AES Members only (log-in required) <https://aes.digitellinc.com/p/s/john-storyk-aes-legends-262>

02:52:53 Michael Ashton: I do think that the mid-week schedule and lack of weekend events reduced traffic. Quite a few people I told about the show simply weren't able to attend, even with free passes. I know this is a professional show, but even for professionals the mid-week schedule can be awkward.

02:53:44 Jayney Wallick: That makes sense

02:53:59 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Reacted to "I do think that the ..." with 👍

02:59:04 John Chester: List of oral history interviews up to 2012 is still on the old AESHC site:  
<https://www.aes.org/aeshc/docs/oralhist/interview-list.pdf>

02:59:20 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Reacted to "List of oral history..." with ❤️

02:59:38 Brad McCoy: Reacted to "List of oral history..." with ❤️

03:00:52 Jayney Wallick: Reacted to "List of oral history..." with 👍

03:02:34 Rob Maher: Yes, just a professional recognition.

03:02:47 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Reacted to "Yes, just a professi..." with 👍

03:03:25 Rob Maher: I think dues are same as regular membership.

03:09:33 Rob Maher: There was also a span when LA convention center was being renovated, and that's when Moscone in SF was alternating with New York. (I liked the San Francisco venue.)

03:11:08 Jayney Wallick: Thanks Rob

03:13:08 Rob Maher: 2001 in New York was right after 9-11. The date was shifted a month late because no one could travel, and Javits was initially used for the recovery crews.

03:15:21 Rob Maher: Many exhibitors cancelled, so the show was very intimate—and sorrowful. I did go down to ground zero, too.

03:20:08 Rob Maher: 9-11 is so clear to those of us of a certain age. Now my college-age students were all born in the 21st century, so 9-11 is not part of their generation.

03:21:08 Jayney Wallick: Understood. That's why those with knowledge of 9-11 need to pass it on.

03:23:11 Rob Maher: Reacted to "Understood. That's w..." with 👍

03:23:59 Rob Maher: Han Tendeloo would put that time sheet together.

03:24:17 Jayney Wallick: Thanks Rob

03:24:19 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Reacted to "Han Tendeloo would p..." with 🙌

03:25:31 Rob Maher: It was also pretty sketchy walking to Javits through Hell's Kitchen. Much nicer now with the huge Hudson Yards development.

03:26:49 Rob Maher: Ray Dolby was always in the paper sessions. He even asked questions!

03:27:02 Jayney Wallick: Cool!

03:28:17 Rob Maher: Ah, the days when AES had big budgets!

03:28:30 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Reacted to "Ah, the days when AE..." with 🎉

03:28:45 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Reacted to "Ray Dolby was always..." with 👍

03:28:53 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Reacted to "It was also pretty s..." with 🤔

03:29:13 Rob Maher: My first presentation for an AES convention in New York was the 91st convention in 1991—31 years ago. Back then the conventions were held at the New York Hilton Hotel, and paper authors were treated fabulously: no admission charge for authors, paper presentations were a full 30 minutes, there was a professional projection system and stereo PA with a skilled audio technician on hand, and there was a fancy presenters' lounge room with an administrative assistant, photocopier, catered food all day, beverages, etc. It was marvelous for a young professor.

03:29:24 Rob Maher: Now decades later, the convention has a relatively small footprint within the huge Javits Center in New York City, and authors are mostly just tolerated rather than actively welcomed. Authors have to pay to attend the convention now, and there is no authors' lounge any more. I understand the financial constraints that have necessitated this demotion, but that doesn't make me any less nostalgic.

03:30:02 Jayney Wallick: Reacted to "Now decades later, t..." with 🤔

03:30:23 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Reacted to "My first presentatio..." with ❤️

03:31:32 Rob Maher: Reacted to "Now decades later, t..." with 🤔

03:35:22 Rob Maher: The basement of the New Yorker had a DC generator. The irony is that Nicola Tesla, the proponent of AC power, spent his last days and died in the New Yorker Hotel in 1943. I wonder if the DC generator in the basement was still operating then...

03:37:46 Rob Maher: There is an IEEE plaque in the New Yorker Hotel lobby commemorating the 1929 DC generator.

03:37:55 Bill Wray: Great meeting. I'm off to a dinner meeting. Have FUN!

03:38:04 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Thanks Bill!

03:38:15 Jayney Wallick: Glad you could make it Bill!

03:39:39 Rob Maher: Yes, Dave Bialik had a great series of events that year about the FM broadcasting master antenna .

03:40:00 Dave Quick: Great meeting. Thanks!

03:40:09 Jayney Wallick: Thanks for attending!

03:41:11 Rob Maher: I suspect AES will be back in New York again.

03:41:27 Steve Wilkins: ? Click on ... save chat, download...where? Doesn't paste

03:41:55 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): It should download to your computer? In your downloads folder?

03:42:29 Rob Maher: Thanks for putting up with my typing. Need to leave for another obligation this evening—thanks again for the great meeting!

03:42:41 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Thanks Rob, glad you could make it!

03:42:51 Jayney Wallick: Thanks Rob

03:43:00 Brad McCoy: Thanks Rob for all the sharing!

03:43:44 Steve Wilkins: Don't see in in downloads....not a great problem can cut 'n paste links provided'

03:46:29 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Here's the .txt file ^^, can you download that one instead?

03:49:19 Steve Wilkins: Thanks all

03:49:40 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Reacted to  
"Thanks all" with 👍

03:50:24 Micah Hayes: Bye guys!

03:50:41 Jayney Wallick: Bye Micah!

03:50:44 Jess Berg - Vice Chair, AES PNW (St. Paul, MN): Thanks  
Micah!

03:55:22 Gary Louie: <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/326d07bb-fed5-4f4d-a203-82f3044f8ec6>

04:06:11 Gary Louie: Zoom link to Saturday AES PNW Tea Time Topics,  
3:30pm Pacific time -  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89373205235?pwd=N1hUT1RIaTlLWWY0M3d6OXhVTlZPZz09>

04:10:32 Wayne Edwards: gotta bail, hope to see you all on a  
Saturday.

04:10:50 Jayney Wallick: I look forward to seeing you on Saturday  
Wayne!