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Experience

1984 - Present

McKibben Consulting -Founder

Mark McKibben manages technology special projects in the broadcast, cable, and information technology industries. Since 1984, countless projects have been completed. Examples include: bringing new products to market for a San Diego-based IP video gateway manufacturer; managing capital expansion projects for a U.S. television station group; preparing a broadband services feasibility study for a California municipal utility company and then project managing the initial rollout of the technology; providing engineering and product development support to one of the world's largest satellite fleet operators; designing, implementing and managing a data network spanning Asia for a U.S.-government credit union; managing the design and installation of a satellite-delivered, HDTV network serving college campuses throughout the U.S.; blending satellite, document scanning, and digital image compression technologies for a major shipping company waybill processing center in Grenada; and, negotiating agreements to secure government operating licenses for multi-national telecom service providers. Prior to the founding of McKibben Communications in 1995, much of Mark's activities revolved around emerging digital video compression and video encryption technologies. Mark suspended consulting activities shortly after the founding of McKibben Communications, LLC, in 1995. After the sale of McKibben Communications in 2001, Mark resumed project management consulting.

1995 - 2001

McKibben Communications, LLC -Chairman and Founder

McKibben Communications provided video, audio, data and Internet services from 3 unique Los Angeles-area facilities using a wide variety of satellite and fiber-optic technologies. The Company distinguished itself by creative application of new technology and quality of service. While under Mark's leadership, the Company was selected for inclusion on the *INC 500 List of America's Fastest Growing Companies* for 3 consecutive years. The Company achieved industry acclaim for: transporting U.S. sporting events to Asia for Japanese direct broadcast satellite operator SkyPerfecTV!; launching Hotelevision, a 10-channel news & entertainment satellite television service for business travelers; and, smoothly transitioning the Fox Cable Networks to a digitally-encrypted transmission medium. In April, 2001, controlling interest in McKibben Communications, LLC, was sold. The company subsequently changed its name to FiberSat Global Services, LLC. For more details, visit: <http://www.fibersatgs.com>

1979 - 1984

Wold Communications -Sr. Vice President

Mark served as Wold's first senior engineering/operations executive. Under his leadership, the company deployed one of the broadcast industry's first transportable satellite uplinks in the spring of 1980. In five short years, an array of multi-million-dollar television and radio operation centers, satellite earth stations, microwave systems and transportable uplinks formed the backbone of a nationwide telecommunications network. Literally millions of broadcast transmission hours were provided to companies such as: CBS; ABC; NBC; CNN; ESPN; The Disney Channels; hundreds of television and radio stations; and thousands of cable-related companies.

1978 - 1979

Mutual Broadcasting System -Assistant Director of Satellite and Corporate Engineering

Mark project managed the deployment of the first satellite-only, commercial radio-network distribution system in the world. This multi-million dollar system allowed MBS to raise the bar for the entire radio networking industry by delivering live programming (such as *The Larry King Show*) to more than 1,000 radio stations throughout the country.

1972 - 1978

A Variety of Radio/TV Operating & Engineering Positions

Mark paid his dues at several small- and medium- market radio stations. He tackled every new challenge offered to him. His job titles included: operations manager; chief engineer; program director; production director; assistant producer; news director; as well as several on-air positions.

Current Industry Licenses and Certifications

- National Association of Radio and Telecommunications Engineers (NARTE) - Certified Class 1 Engineer - with Master Endorsements in both RF and non-RF radiation subcategories.
- Federal Communications Commission First Class Radiotelephone Certificate ... first issued in 1977, then converted in 1985 to a Lifetime General Class Radiotelephone Operators Permit.
- Society of Broadcast Engineers - Certified Broadcast Technologist.

Industry Associations

- President, Southern California Chapter, Society of Satellite Professionals International - SSPI (1990-2005)
- SSPI - International Board of Directors (1997-2000)
- Active Member of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE) since 1980
- Active Member of the Society of Broadcast Engineers - SBE (1977-Current)

Passions

Married since 1974, Mark is grandfather to 3 wonderful kids. When he's not spending time with his family, he volunteers for a number of charitable organizations. Mark owns a 2005 Cessna T206H Turbo Stationair. As a Captain and Squadron Commander in the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol (<http://sq128.cawg.cap.gov>), Mark is a registered California OES first-responder supporting search and rescue, disaster recovery and Homeland Security missions. When financially-strapped medical patients need transportation to receive treatments, Angel Flight (<http://www.angelflight.org/>) calls on Mark to provide free flights in his plane. As a member of "Love On 4 Paws" (<http://www.loveon4paws.org/>) and Therapy Dogs, Inc. (<http://www.therapydogs.com/>), Mark and his certified Therapy Dog (Neo) deliver joy and hope at hospitals, assisted living facilities and nursing homes throughout the area.