

# IABM AGM Update 21 July 2025



Having been being part of IABM's journey for the past 20 years, I've had the privilege of witnessing its growth, resilience, and transformation firsthand. Now, I'm genuinely excited to be part of the next chapter as we move forward under the inspiring and visionary leadership of Saleha Williams.

In today's rapidly evolving media technology landscape, this new direction is about more than just change—it's about staying ahead. IABM is becoming more relevant, agile, and impactful than ever, ensuring we continue to deliver real value to our members and create new opportunities for our talented team.

The future is bright, and I'm proud to be part of it.



Lucinda Meek - Chief Finance and Operations Officer, IABM



## Contents

Introduction from IABM Chair	4	IABM Team update	16
IABM CEO update	5	IABM Skills & Development	20
IABM mission and forward strategy	7	IABM Business Intelligence Unit (BIU)	23
Our transformation	8	IABM CTO office	28
Results so far H1 2025	9	IABM Board Members 2025	32
IABM Impact™	10	What the industry is saying	36



I can't quite believe it's been nearly three years with IABM, and what a journey it's been. This past year has felt truly transformative and deeply meaningful. I'm genuinely honoured (and excited!) to be stepping into the role of Global Head of Member Engagement and Growth, leading our brilliant MEG team across APAC, the Americas, and EMEA. Working alongside such passionate leadership, colleagues and engaged members has been a real privilege, and I'm so looking forward to what's ahead.



Ana-Claire Bernardes - Global Head IABM Member Engagement & Growth (MEG)



So impressive all the work done so far. We are so proud of being members of such a pushing forward reality and Saleha's mantra to drive change at every level in the industry. Her energy and commitment to innovation, sustainability, and ethical leadership completely resonate with Alpha Cogs' vision of what vendors and partners should strive for every single day. I can't wait to see what the future holds for IABM and Alpha Cogs.



Nicola Cogotti - CTO Alpha Cogs, EMEA



## Introduction from IABM Chair



Josh Arensberg **IABM Chair** 

#### Welcome to the IABM AGM 2025.

Without a doubt, we are at a pivotal time in our industry and for IABM, as the industry continues to undergo significant disruption driven by IP, cloud adoption, AI, and a shift toward softwaredefined workflows, alongside geopolitical and economic challenges we are all experiencing globally.

Our members face immense pressure to innovate, reduce costs, find new revenue streams and possible new market expansion opportunities. But with challenge comes opportunity, and the last six months have seen the start of an ambitious transformation agenda led by our new CEO, Saleha Williams. With over 30 years of global experience across the technology vendor, services and software side, together with the end user media side, and driven by the IABM Members' Board mandate for change, Saleha's leadership has already brought a fresh perspective essential for navigating our rapidly changing broadcast technology landscape.

Saleha's vision and energy are exactly what IABM needs at this crucial time and I and the IABM Members' Board wholeheartedly support her bold transformation, which puts value creation for our members firmly at the heart of our forward vision and strategy. We are confident that this new direction, with IABM's mission firmly at the centre, will strengthen IABM's position as the industry's leading global voice, supporting our members as we all navigate these challenging yet opportunistic times.

I would like to express my thanks to the IABM Members' Board, the SVG and IABM members for re-electing me as Chair and I look forward to supporting Saleha and her team to drive IABM forward and proactively secure our future success

Josh Arensberg - Chair, IABM Board



## IABM CEO update



Saleha Williams **IABM CEO** 

#### "Are you sure they want someone like me?"

It was my second response to Jeremy Burnell of JBA Associates, the executive head-hunter tasked with finding IABM a new CEO.

(For the record, my first response, having been an IABM member, presenter and partner since the inception of my career over 30 years ago, was "Thank you, I'm honoured you thought of me").

There has always been an enormous respect and fondness for IABM. Established nearly 50 years ago (we are 50 next year!), IABM has always been at the centre of the broadcast technology industry. Guided by previous leaders, to its highest member numbers, we became a significant voice in the industry and on a global scale.

However, when COVID-19 prevented IBC, NAB and other major trade shows from happening (for two years, if you recall), as with many of our members, the financial and economic impact on IABM itself was more than significant: four years on, the industry is indeed at an inflexion point, and so too is IABM. The industry is evolving; the way end-users buy broadcast technology products and services is changing. Technology is changing at an unprecedented rate, and all amid a challenging economic and geopolitical context that seems to shift by the day.

Change is hard. And it's not just about new leadership - it's about an organization that needs to change in order to survive, let alone thrive.

So, when I was asked to consider the CEO role, I was very clear, "If you want someone to keep things going the way they have been, I'm not that person. If you want someone who knows and loves this industry, who has the global experience, ability and passion to transform IABM and to lead our fantastic IABM talent team to continue IABM's impact on a truly global scale, then let's talk".

And so I was brought in with a clear mandate by the IABM Members' Board to transform IABM and modernize and revitalize the way we deliver member benefits and deliver positive impact for our members, our community and for the MediaTech industry and ecosystem.

Six months in, it has been intense, invigorating and inspirational. I would like to extend my special thanks to my IABM team, the SVG, and to you, our members, who have supported us as we embark on our transformation to ensure that IABM remains the pivotal voice and global community within the media technology ecosystem.

This AGM update outlines our key updates, achievements and strategic direction for IABM. We hear from our members, industry voices and the IABM team. We are just beginning, but with your support, I'm excited about the future.

Thank you.

Saleha Williams – CEO, IABM



IABM has been an integral part of Beam Dynamics' journey from startup to hyper-scale over the last 5 years. We've relied on IABM's resources at trade shows and events heavily throughout our journey and in several cases this has helped Beam acquire new enterprise customers and develop partnerships with other vendors. The recent transformation and renewed focus at IABM is further validating the ROI on our membership and participation.

David Kaszycki - CEO, Beam Dynamics, USA



## IABM mission

IABM is the independent, international trade and business organization that connects, supports and informs the entire international media-tech ecosystem.

#### How we do it

- We help our members make sense of the digital transformation happening in the Broadcast, Media & Entertainment technology landscape, keeping the industry abreast of transformative media technologies, business and market trends and connecting media companies across the global MediaTech community.
- We are the trusted, effective and influential source for MediaTech business intelligence, standards and regulatory information, and skills development. We connect, share knowledge and promote collaboration.
- Everything we do is for the benefit of our members. We are neutral, independent and not for profit.

Our forward strategy is based on 3 strategic pillars.



Our internal transformation - people, processes, platforms: re-imagining how IABM operates, connects, supports and delivers value.



#### **Elevate**

Clarity on IABM's value proposition, our place in the industry ecosystem. Delivering a dynamic, relevant, inspirational IABM for a new digital era.



#### Innovate

Beyond the show discounts, amplifying the IABM Impact™. Utilising our digital platforms and events to amplify members, industry thoughtleadership, and creating proactive networking and collaboration opportunities.

Two year transformation





## Our transformation

From To IABM traditional benefit delivery focused IABM dynamic benefit delivery – across the on a small no of members. entire member base, globally. A strong, motivated, empowered team, with Internal operational silos, with limited cross member engagement, member benefits functionality hindering holistic member and member value central to everything we benefit delivery. do internally. Wider market focus: traditional broadcast Narrow market focus: predominantly tech sector combined with parallel market centred on the traditional broadcast opportunities in vertical markets such as tech sector. corporate, HOW, education, retail. Clarity of the IABM value proposition, Diluted and confused brand positioning and dynamic digital marketing and member outdated marketing and communications. amplification across multiple marketing platforms. Global – delivering the IABM Impact™, a Perceived as UK/Europe-centric, outdated pivotal voice across the industry, a global and losing relevance. community at the forefront of innovation and business agility. Building financial stability and long term Economically vulnerable – susceptible to relevance for IABM and our members: broader economic downturns and member evolving our revenue streams and benefits investment at IBC. deliver to ensure long term sustainability.



## Results so far H1 2025

- Repositioning IABM driving thought leadership and brand equity globally.
- **⊘** Internal team transformation fostering a culture of innovation and promoting crossfunctional collaboration.
- Enhance member engagement deepening relationships with our member community, amplifying IABM members across the industry globally.
- Strategic Partnerships: expanding our reach, influence and market intelligence.
- **⊘** Re-imagining the IABM member experience IABM Hub, IABM Impact Stage, IABM TV.
- Internal operations review: platforms and processes, using data to re-imagine how IABM operates and delivers member benefits.

2000+ visitors to IABM Hub, IABM Awards™, **IABM** Briefings 2024

**800+** visitors to IABM Hub & IABM Impact Stage<sup>™</sup> at NAB Show 2025

8400+ views of IABM.TV Impact interviews at NAB Show 2025

7600 IABM LinkedIn followers

## **IABM Member Engagement** H12025

33000 circulation of IABM newsletters globally

- >1000 member visits in IABM Member Lounge globally
- >250 member & customer meetings (in Member lounge)
- >283% increase in social media and member amplification
- >13.4% IABM LinkedIn Engagement (LinkedIn average 3%)



# IABM impact™

#### **IABM Member Lounge NAB Show 2025**











44 The IABM Lounge was buzzing with energy! A packed house filled with amazing insights, powerful discussions, and endless

opportunities to connect and grow.



# IABM impact<sup>TM</sup> (continued)

#### IABM TV Interviews on the Show Floor









44

High-energy interviews on the show floor led by Stuart and Stan — delivering fantastic conversations, fresh insights, and amplifying member innovations on the show floor.

77



# IABM impact stage and member lounge

The home of powerful thought leadership sessions and industry-shaping conversations. With an exciting line-up of speakers, in-depth discussions and live interviews, this stage delivers the insights that matter most.









# Maximising show engagement for members

#### A curated thought leadership approach for IABMTV





#### Pre show campaigns and member posting/reposting



















# A global presence



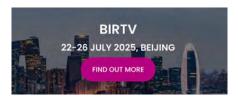




















Thank you for organising a fantastic panel discussion at Broadcast Asia.



Isabella Chan - Country Manager YoloLiv, APAC & EMEA



Thrilled to be a part of it.



Product Evangelist - VIZRT Group, USA



IABM's 'Building stronger relationships between MediaTech Buyers and Vendors' – Hoved being part of this discussion as it is one of the most important topics in the industry.

Thank you IABM.

Jiri Gabriel - COO MISTV, EMEA



# IABM Team update

## **Executive Leadership**



Saleha Williams CEO



Lucinda Meek **CFOO** 

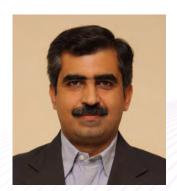
» LinkedIn profile » LinkedIn profile

#### IABM Membership Engagement & Growth (MEG) Team



**Ana-Claire Bernardes** Global Head of Membership **Engagement & Growth** 

» LinkedIn profile



**Sushant Rai Head of Membership Engagement & Growth APAC** 

» LinkedIn profile



Michelle Kelly **Head of Membership Engagement & Growth Americas** 

» LinkedIn profile



**Juliette Langlois** Membership **Engagement Manager** 

» LinkedIn profile



## IABM team

#### IABM Business Insights Team (BIU)



**Chris Evans** Head of Knowledge » LinkedIn profile



Riikka Koponen **Principal Analyst** » LinkedIn profile



Olga Nevinchana **Senior Analyst** » LinkedIn profile

#### **CTO office and Skills & Development**



Stan Moote CTO » LinkedIn profile



Stuart Ray Head of Skills & Development

» LinkedIn profile

44

Over the past six months, IABM has taken a huge step forward in terms of efficiency and collaboration - it's a sea change. Under the new leadership, our company culture has become more inclusive and open to different opinions and views. There's real team spirit. I returned to IABM after maternity leave during Covid and it was challenging. This year I have travelled and presented for IABM at industry events across the USA, MENA and Asia, meeting and interviewing our members to understand their business and industry challenges in each region and how our BIU team can best support. As a female analyst I feel I have found my professional self again.



Riikka Koponen - IABM Principal Analyst



## IABM team

#### **IABM Marketing Team**



**Paul Young Marketing Lead** 



**Danny Steed Digital Marketing** Executive



**Roger Thornton** IABM Journal/Editor

#### **GEP/IABMTV**



**Purminder Gandhu Technology Evangelist** 

#### **Accounts**



**Betty Wilson Accounts Assistant** 



HPE values the platform
IABM provides for driving
innovation and aligning the
industry on key challenges.
The collaborative energy across
members is helping shape a
smarter, more connected media
technology future.

Matt Quirk – Director, Hewlett Packard Enterprises WW Channel & Partner Ecosystem – OEM Solutions, UK



## IABM Skills & Development

IABM is dedicated to helping the MediaTech industry attract and retain the next generation of talent and to keep our industry keep learning.

IABM Skills & Development is led by Stuart Ray stuart.ray@theiabm.org



#### **IABM Student Bursary Scheme**

Now in its 15th year, the IABM is proud to deliver the IABM Student Bursary Scheme, which supports over 10 international students to attend IBC each year. Currently partnering with university MediaTech departments across Europe, with plans to extend the programme globally in 2026, IABM supports students from three European countries in attending and experiencing all that IABM and IBC have to offer, broadening their horizons and facilitating industry connections and networking.

For the first time this year, the students will also have real hands-on experience helping with filming and editing for IABMTV and taking part in panels sharing their views on the industry and their career hopes and dreams, on the IABM Impact Stage.



University students from Southampton Solent University, Rhein Main University of Applied Sciences and Université-Polytechnique Hautsde-France were at IBC on the IABM Bursary Scheme.



In the three years since I joined IABM I have seen how important our role is in supporting and bringing together our members across the world. We exist for our members and the last few months in particular have seen the whole team at IABM come together to push forward on this mission. I am delighted that so many members take advantage of the benefits of IABM membership and that our highly regarded training courses remain such an important part of so many member companies' employee development schemes.



Stuart Ray - IABM Head of Skills & Development

## Bridging the Al skills gap: essential knowledge for media professionals



replacing human creativity or turning our jobs into a sci-fi dystopia. It's about enhancing what we do best Imagine automating the regelitive, time-consuming tasks thello, keyword research and data analysist so you can focus on the big picture - creating killer context that

cames to Al, many find themselves in uncharted water And it's not just about knowing how to use Al tools - it's about understanding them. The difference between someone who can operate an Al tool and someone who can use it effectively and strategically in the difference to the strategic strateg between staying affixed and feading the pack. Af liferoc resum, knowing when foruse AL which tools to pick, an



# IABM Skills & Development (continued)

#### **IABM Training Courses**

With a team of expert trainers and the ability to offer bespoke and on-site courses, virtually or in groups, IABM is the leading provider of CPD across the MediaTech industry.

Courses are offered at every level, from new MediaTech starters to experienced teams looking to make a step up. IABM offer a wide range of training and e-learning courses from Understanding the Broadcasting and Media Industry and AI for complete newbies, to in-depth technical courses covering PTO, IP, HLS and much more.

Contact Stuart for more information stuart.ray@theiabm.org



















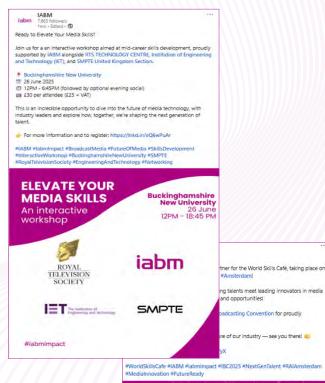




#### **Industry collaborations & Support**

IABM are proud to collaborate and support important talent, skills and development programmes across the MediaTech industry including:

Royal Television Society (RTS), SMPTE and IET Elevate your Media Skills: An interactive workshop and the World Skills Café at IBC 2025.







# Skills & Development update

#### Key Highlights of the past year

- ☑ IABM E-learning courses accessed 348+ times, delivering over 1300 hours of E-learning.
- Our new Al course launched at NAB 2025 was an instant success with 4 x increase in sign up compared to any other IABM course.
- AWS attended our new AI course.
- ☑ IABM E Learning is now integrated into Grass Valley in-house training.
- ✓ 120+ Telestream employees have completed IABM training.
- Our IP courses and Introduction to Broadcast Technology remain really popular courses.
- ② 3x open courses now offered.

#### In addition:



IABM members receive 10% discount on FMC Training (IABM receives commission).



IABM Partnered with IABM member Metadata-Al in devising and delivering a brand new MediaTech AI E-learning course.

#### **Looking forward**

- Potential for new Learning Management System leading to much improved user experience and easier generation and implementation of new courses.
- · Improvement in tracking learner progress and fault finding.
- Possible new course development in Security and Dynamic Media Facilities.
- Improvement in Marketing and Comms should lead to increase in training engagement and revenue generation.





# IABM Business Intelligence Unit (BIU)

The IABM Business Intelligence Unit specialises in using a hybrid research approach incorporating primary quantitative, qualitative and secondary desk-based research to deliver comprehensive, diverse data sources and methodologies, ensuring a holistic view of MediaTech industry trends.

## BIU is led by Chris Evans chris.evans@theiabm.org



#### IABM BIU research streams include:

- ✓ IABM State of MediaTech strategic analysis of the MediaTech sector.
- ✓ IABM MediaTech Radar blogs and newsletters focusing on spotlight topics in MediaTech.
- ✓ IABM Geo Tracker, Tech Tracker and Chain Tracker – analysis of specific trends in different segment, technologies, geos and sectors.
- ✓ IABM Megatrends Report analysis of major trends that are fundamentally changing the MediaTech ecosystem.

Contact Chris for more information chris.evans@theiabm.org





I joined IABM a year ago to lead the Business Intelligence Unit. What really motivated me was the strength of IABM's membership and the role IABM plays supporting this international community. Spending time with members it was evident that IABM needed to rebuild awareness of its member benefits and clarify its purpose to the industry. Saleha joining has really supercharged the change that was needed, re-establishing IABM's mission, and galvanising the team to work together with a clear focus on delivering more benefits and opportunities for members. I'm incredibly proud to see how we are all stepping up to the challenge together and the culture of empowerment this is creating within the organization.



Chris Evans - IABM Head of Knowledge/ **Business Intelligence Unit** 





# IABM Business Intelligence Unit (BIU) update

Building more dialogue between members, GEPs, and BIU has led to better deliverables



# More Interaction with Analysts

Increased presence at major trade events from BIU analyst team for technology briefings and meetings with members.

Onboarding members with MediaTech Vantage™ platform.

Bespoke consulting and tailored briefings for Platinum members.



#### Implementing Member Feedback

Increasing granularity of survey segmentation for cloud product.

Modularising access to ChainTracker™ for product category depth.

Launching Trade Show Visitor Tracker pilot to offer more insights into tradeshow attendance for members with syndicated data methodology.



#### Refining the Content Calendar

Increasing detail of data in State of MediaTech report and presentation.

Defining 2025 Megatrend research series with Global Engaged Partners.

Curating thought leadership throughout annual calendar of global trade events and increasing speaker placement opportunities for members.

Source: IABM. IABM AGM update – 21 July 2025 24





# IABM Business Intelligence Unit (BIU) update

#### **Overview of 2025 Report Calendar**

A closer look to the IABM 2025 Megatrends.



## **Business Transformation**

This trend focuses on the ongoing evolution of business models, driven by AI, interactivity, and hyper-personalization. It emphasizes the need for businesses to adapt to new monetization strategies, creator economy growth, and the challenges posed by fragmented content streams.



### Security in MediaTech **Ecosystems**

Security remains a top priority as digital ecosystems continue to grow. This trend addresses key concerns around cloud security, content protection, and the safeguarding of assets. It also covers emerging vulnerabilities, particularly those related to AI, including misinformation and misuse.



## **Gaming Industry** Convergence

The gaming industry is increasingly intersecting with media, entertainment, and technology sectors. This trend highlights the rise of interactive experiences and hyperpersonalization in gaming, as well as the potential for new monetization opportunities within gaming environments and other sectors.



It's been great to see how IABM has transformed over the past months—we now have a much clearer understanding of what IABM can do for us, where to access our member benefits, and how to truly engage with the community. The value it provides has become far more targeted-closely aligned with our real needs, industry trends, and hot topics. Through localized support and platforms like the councils, companies like Kiloview are now better able to share our voices, gain visibility, and connect with the broader industry.



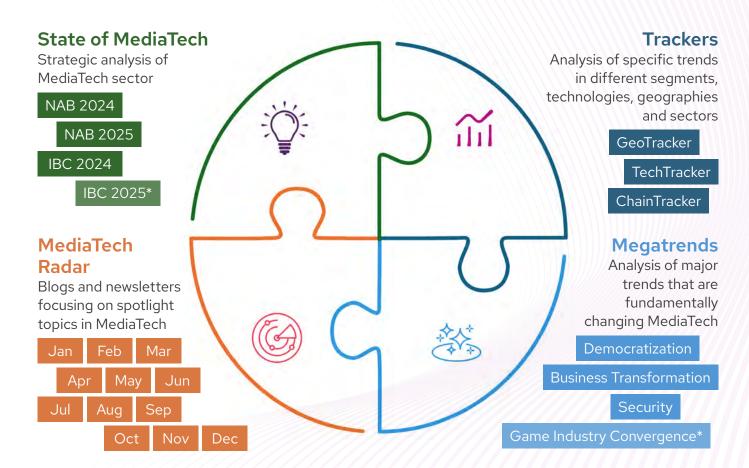
Judy Zuo - VP Marketing and Sales, Kiloview, China



# IABM Business Intelligence Unit (BIU) (continued)

#### **IABM Research Streams**

The new structure of the Business Intelligence Service.





All organisations that want to be involved in the success of our industry should take part in the IABM MediaTech Industry Tracker.



Mike Crimp - CEO, IBC



Thank you IABMTV & Chris Evans for this amazing interview opportunity.



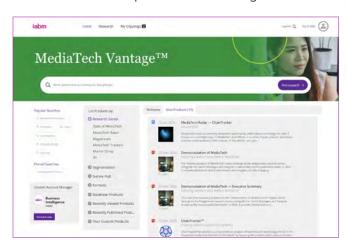
Louis Hernandez Jr - Executive Chairman, **Grass Valley** 



# IABM Business Intelligence Unit (BIU) update

#### MediaTech Vantage™ - platform overview

IABM's interactive platform delivering MediaTech insights:



- intelligence needs.
- Search and filter content through a seamless user interface.
- Access, interact with, and download MediaTech trends and data in various formats.
- Create, download, and share personalized research streams.
- ✓ Take surveys to contribute to IABM's research and get access to exclusive content.

#### How to actively engage with IABM's Business Intelligence Unit



#### **Access Reports Published** in 2025

Business Transformation, State of MediaTech (NAB), and GeoTracker™ 2025 reports all available to access.

We are adding flexibility to how you can buy reports by offering one-time licences to purchase reports separate to membership packages.



## Take the MediaTech **Industry Tracker** Survey

We are consolidating our survey efforts around our flagship MediaTech Industry Tracker to ensure our membership has access to robust and representative data. Strategic emphasis on building ambassadorship to boost survey distribution and extend reach.



#### Join the Trade **Show Visitor** Tracker

Active pilot project with regional councils of syndicated data collection for post-event reporting. The project will allow IABM to provide more granular insights to participating members by aggregating their visitor data for benchmarking and review.





# IABM CTO office

The IABM CTO Office supports our members across three key areas:

- IABM Technology & Trends Roadmap
- IABM Standards Work
- IABM Member Working Groups.

The CTO office is led by **Stan Moote** stan.moote@theiabm.org



#### IABM Technology & Trends Roadmap

A unique industry offering, the IABM Technology & Trends Roadmap ties both end-users and vendors into a mutual understanding of the significant MediaTech ecosystem.

It provides a reference for IABM members to better understand where their company's products sit on the technology adoption curve and is used for both internal and external business development, product development and CTO strategy. It's also a great tool to assist with budgeting and project planning.

Contact Stan for more information stan.moote@theiabm.org









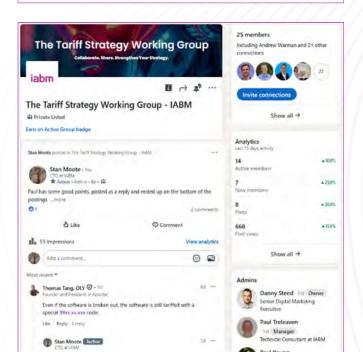
# IABM CTO office (continued)

#### **IABM** member Working Groups

As the only global trade association for vendors, IABM Member Working Groups help with industry deadlocks and pain points, improving interoperability amongst vendors where end users want 'best of breed' solutions.

IABM Member Working Groups are a collaboration of IABM members and end-users, or in some cases restricted to IABM members only. The groups allow members to share common issues which are ultimately costing their organisations time and money across R&D and customer service. They also provide IABM members with direct access to have their voices heard with key industry groups, such as the AMWA, for example.

## The Tariff Strategy Working Group Collaborate. Share. Strengthen Your Strategy. Join the Tariff Strategy Working Group Tariff policies are shifting rapidly across global markets—putting new pressure on technology manufacturers and vendors. The Impact on sourcing, pricing, compilance, and logistics is too significant to tackle alone. hat's why IABM is launching a member only **Tariff Stretegy Working Group**—a focused, collaborative forum for info schange, peer support, and actionable insights. in this video, Chris Shaw, COO of US-based Cobalt Digital, explains the importance of this gro



#### **IABM Working Groups Include**

- IABM Tariff Strategy Working Group
- IABM Control Plane Working Group
- · IABM Pan Regional IP InterOp Group
- IABM Security & Vulnerability Working Group
- IABM Sub-title Working Group
- · IABM SIM Farm Working Group

For more information or to join any of the IABM Working Groups contact Stan Moote:

stan.moote@theiabm.org



I've been involved with IABM since the 1990s and am now in my tenth year as a staff member. The pace of change in our industry today is exponential—far beyond what we saw just a decade ago. As a CTO, I thrive on innovation and transformation, and it's inspiring to see Saleha step into the CEO role with such purpose. She brings a rare combination of industry insight, member engagement, and personal drive that is already re-positioning IABM as a leading force in the evolving MediaTech landscape. With Saleha at the helm, I'm confident IABM and its members are well equipped to navigate and shape the future of our industry.



Stan Moote - CTO, IABM



## IABM CTO office (continued)

#### **IABM Standards & Industry Associations**

IABM collaborates with the EBU, ABU, NABA, DTG, SVG, HPA, TBA, SMPTE, AES, MOS, Movie Labs, EmmyTech, AMWA, AIMS, VSF Greening of Screening, ATSC, UHD Alliance/Ultra HD Forum, SBE to name a few.

The CTO team attend key industry groups and meetings to represent and inform IABM members (especially those who don't have time to attend themselves) with timely and effective information exchange for collaboration between MediaTech vendors and standards organisations. IABM also has special permission from SMPTE and AES to publish executive reports and summaries for our members.

Additional Policies and Standards and Industry Associations affecting members include:

- SMPTE & AES Technology Committees
- EMC and Standards
- Made in China 2025 (MIC2025)

More information is available through the IABM Standards Monitoring Group (SMG) contact Stan Moote for more info: stan.moote@theiabm.org

Warner Bros. Discovery

## IMSC-Rosetta: A new era for subtitle formats – bridging broadcasting and streaming

In the realm of media, delivering subtitles consistently across various platforms has posed challenges. Warner Bros. Discovery (WBD) identified the pressing need for an innovative subtitle format. This format broadcasts and contemporary streaming services Historical subtitles have been fragmented, existing in diverse proprietary and generalized formats. However, none of these formats proved universally fitting for all content types and languages.



In response, WBD partnered with Yella Umbrella, a company with proven extensive experience in subtitle formats and linguistic support going back over 30 years. Their joint endeavor aimed to create a fresh subtitle file format that resolves these complexities. After evaluating multiple options

MSC-Rosetta retains the full spectrum of features seen in alternative subtitle formats encompassing color, outlines, boxing, and text placement. Its distinctiveness lies in its definitive construction, facilitating seamless translation across disparate formats and languages via the

## Getting back in Control

seamless control system? One capable of spanning local hardware, on-prem, off-prem and multi-cloud systems? This article looks at how IABM's Control Plane working group has b sisting with the Rapid Industry Solutions (RIS) effort within SMPTE called Catena. The working group's emphasis has had a clear focus to avoid the pitfalls that have aborted several control system standardization efforts over the last couple of decades.



Standardizing a control system that was specifically designed for an existing product family in the hope that others will 'jump on

I have seen this approach a few times. Whilst it unwilling to modify it to encompass functionality that is identified by the group during standardization. Considerable effort is expended, but the project withers on the vine and the proponent finds something better to do.

#### Creating a control system standard in a Standards Committee

This approach gets input from a number of stakeholders, however, is incredibly slow! Some of the prime movers will leave over time. New people will join part-way through and argue that the work done should be turned around. Being new work, not field-tested, it may not gain traction with vendors who have their

#### Publishing a Control System Standard with no exposure to potential implementers

With something as complicated as a control system, it is important to encourage independent implementations before the documents are finally published. This allows modifications to be made nd interoperability testing

The original vendor is aften reluctant to expend energy on leatures that are needed to make the system generic if the vendor does not have need for those leatures within its product range

#### Translators

This approach recognizes that there are many proprietary systems and writes custom prototranslators/convertors for all the vendor products in the system. This soon gets out of control - pardon the pun. It is a maintenance headache.

have seen systems with dozens of translators m because "best-of-breed" products were wanted, each having a dissimilar control protocol/systems making both control and monitoring a nightmare

#### Security and Vulnerability

Nobody ever caught a virus over RS-422 or over SDI loften jokingly, yet seriously referred to as Secure Digital Interface). The point-point nature of these interfaces served as an air-gap for content and control flows. Today these both travel over IP networks, and the bad actors out there have racked up plenty of victims with "network" as the attack vector. Simply adding in "IT-style" security doesn't work due to the ature of control and monitoring within our industry.



The IABM's enhanced engagement strategy is clearly delivering, from high-value networking at our industry events, at CABSAT as a great example, to impactful thought leadership and member activities and voices amplification.

Hasan R. Sayed Hasan – Managing Director, Master Media, UAE



## IABM Board Members 2025

## **Continuing Board Members**



verizon Josh Arensberg Chair



**Andreas Hilmer Immediate Past Chair** 

44

As past chair of IABM, our strategic direction is a matter of profound importance to me. I'm thrilled with the progress we've seen under our new CEO. Saleha has the vision and the board's full support.

#### Andreas Hilmer - Chief Marketing Officer, Lawo







SONY **Peter Sykes** 



**David Phillips** 



# IABM Board Members (continued)

#### **Elected Directors**







**Alison Pavitt** 







Grass Valley® **Adam Marshall** 







Hasan R. Sayed Hasan



# IABM Board Members (continued)

#### **Elected Directors**





**Ajey Anand** 











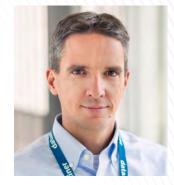


# IABM Board Members (continued)

#### **Elected Chairs of Member Councils**



**Applied Electronics Limited Paul Stechley** Americas



**Skyline** skyline **Thomas Gunkel EMEA** 



**Sumit Suri APAC** 

#### **Appointed**



Saleha Williams CEO, IABM



**Lucinda Meek** CFOO, IABM



# What the industry is saying...

PROTINTERVIEW PROUNTERVIEW

## **BREAKING** BARRIERS, BUILDING **FUTURES:** THE NEW **FACE OF IABM**

A new CEO. A fresh vision. And a long-overdue shakeup at IABM. Saleha Williams tells Vijava Cherian she is here to do more than lead - she's here to disrupt

EXECUTIVE INTERVIEW



When Saleha Williams stepped into the role of CEO at IABM -the International Association for Broadcust and Media technology suppliers - she wasn't just filling a vacancy. She was stepping into history As the first woman to lead the

organisation in its decades-long organisation in its decades-long existence, Williams brings more than just industry experience to the tuble. She brings vision, courage and a refusal to maintain the status eque. "I was brought in with a clear mandate to revisitate IABM," she says. "The industry has gone through a turbulent few yours, and so has IABM. It was time for change."
Williams' insolution to the change."

Williams' appointment reflects a marked shift in the broadcast technology sector. With more than chnology sector. With more than \$\frac{1}{2}\text{ spears in the industry, spanning roles across technology, media, consultancy, marketing and commercial strategy, be- deep understanding of the ecosystem is matched only by her passion to future-proof it.

"Tve grown

member, a presenter, an interviewee, I've helped with conferences. I know what it's been and what it can be."

Williams is generally perceived as a transformation agent, driven by innovation and hold thinking

"If you want someone to just keep things going the way they've been, I'm not that person. IABM has often been perceived as very British, mulbest, and the perceived as very British, mulbest, older, even fooasied on legacy broadcast hardware – not global, not diverse, not inmostive, Some have even questioned its nelevance. That, the perception I'm here to change." That honesty has been a breath of firels air to many members, but she acknowledges that transformation comes with friction. "Change is hand," And it's not just "If you want someone to just keep

transformation comes with fretion. 
"Change is hard. And it's not just about new leadership - it's about as industry at an inflection point. 
Some have bail amazing currers in this space, but the world is shifting. 
Technology, Al, convergence, geopolities - it's all coming to a head." 
There's also no ignoring the 
fact that some positionch has 
bad a different undertone. 
"There are people who don't 
thinks awoman should be running 
IABM. That's a very small group.

IABM. That's a very small group, but it exists. My answer is simple: I'm not here because I'm an. I'm here because I'm

a woman. I'm here because I'm the best person for the jeb." One of Williams' priorities has been reimagining how JAEM delivers value, not just at trade shows but year-round. "There's a perception that IABM is there were to not trade above.

is where you go to get trade show discounts. And yes, you'd be mad but to take advantage of that. But there's so much more we. offer, and it's often buried."

From free AI courses and professional training to market insights and strategic support,

66 Change is hard. And it's not just about new leadership-it's about an industry at an inflection point. Some have built amazing careers in this space, but the world is shifting. Technology, AI, convergence. geopolitics - it's all

SALEHA WILLIAMS, CEO, IABM

coming to a head 99

Williams wants members to tap i what she calls "buried treasure". "We've launched new training

programmes, expanded our Vantage salytics platform, and we're offering tailored regional insights. Most of it is included in the membership, is is included in the membership, and members are genuinely surprised when they discover what's already available to them."

She also speake candidly shoot internal challenges. "Without a CEO for nearly two years post-Covid, we find to reset our internal systems - CEM, data platforms and ondourning tools. We're

not just rebuilding the website, we're rebuilding the muchine behind it."

Her strategy has also placed a strong emphasis on international engagement particularly in the Middle East. At

# A MISSION uture

As she prepares for her first trade show as IABM CEO, Saleha Williams sits down with Jenny Priestley to discuss her vision for the organisation, how it can support its members, and plans for the future

it's safe to say Safeha Williams has had a long and storied career in the media and entertainment industry, with over 30 years expense working with vendors, broadcasters, and filtrimakers. Now, as the new CEO of the IABM, whe is edividualing for proephast and media

working mer in which with a shidocating for brokedest are removed CEO of the ABM, whe is a shidocating for brokedest are removed by the ABM, including specialists. Throughout the careet, Williams thes worked with and been a part of the IABM, including producing its conference. Since joining the organization of the beginning of 2002, the has been owing no entirplied as wasen for the future. Williams describes the new role as the perfect way to bring both states of the careet logatine. If just first at this states in my careet, having lived and worked in the industry all over the work; I was exactly the right limit to be considered. The circled about whet the IABM as an argumental in a long in residual about where the industry is going, and threefore born the IABM can generately support our members in viewqualing that future landscape both basieness and technological.

This not often, genunish, you get the opportunity in an industry you to dead an association that is an private intended about where with going to de going forward.

Despite new leadership, the LABMs masson remains the same to connect, support and reform its members. As the industry continues to enable the law you it innovature, collisionests word integrates, so will the IABM, says Williams. Where a notifice portitive where neutral, writer uniquendment, are say it innovature, collisionests will engages so will the IABM, says Williams. Where a notifice portitive when the properties integrated and an expension of the same that the properties of integrated and an armorable and the law to the inspect we are international global association, and for really about the impact we are have for our members across the flexibity from the business, technology and talent viewpoints, as well as standards, etc. "There is an amazing teams aft the IABM. I'm qualle Laby, If fire really houses, to have whented come fentancia people, and therein a let of holdest Likelin that harm qualifie been build for the provision of all the elifory of the fire is how it is expected on the man and really elevating LABM and also selfuling the knowledge of our members, because there's a wealthy of resource."

Knowledge and power
Williams warst to develop the way the IABM connects and supports
this members further, eleviening neights and information in a more
innocative and dynamic way by validang its dipital platforms and
opportunities at the industry's venicia tracks shows. We want to support
members with information, research, and inrughts. One states - Think
it really is about trying to give members the knowledge and power to
anable them to make the decisions in their businesses apporting them
with the information and insights to drive businesses forward, to do
delist, to be with a understand the landscape as with a resights on the
technological level and regional prographic floors with filest as well."

**%** | 365

SALEHA WILLIAMS: 'THE INDUSTRY IS CHANGING AND IABM NEEDS TO AS WELL'

0000







28 APRIL 2025



Thanks for shining the light.

Ajey Anand - CEO Norigin Media, EMEA

iabmimpact.com | theiabm.org