Clarke Kidder Bio - February 2017

Clarke’s 57 year career in telecommunications spans the “Golden Age of Telephony” - an era spanning analog and copper of mid twentieth century to digital IP and fiber world of today. He began at Long Lines in 1962 and moved to the independent industry in 1965. During his career he has worked in and contributed to all phases the network holding technical and management positions in operations, engineering, and planning. His notable accomplishments include: bringing New England’s first digital at Hebron, Me., serving as expert witness before the Maine PUC, deploying early fiber optics, implementing quality service improvement through noise reduction and plant protection, and planning for the core TDS gigabit network in the Northeast. He continues to maintain proficiency by designing and installing premise networks.

Over his career, Clarke has further assisted the industry, providing training and support to TANE members, through mentoring, technical support. His involvement in trade associations include technical committees at USTA, NYSTA and TANE. He has chaired USTA NSAC and Network Operations and TANE RSAC, and Operations committees. He currently serves as Chair of TANE’s Network Committee working to provide value to both the association and its members through conferences, seminars and showcases.

Clarke is active in his community through his church, Lions, Boy Scouts and Town Government, having served as Vestryman, King Lion, Council Vice President, Chair of the Regional Planning Commission, and Selectman. He currently resides in Contoocook, NH with Judy, his wife of 55 years, and their dog “Bandit” They have a son, daughter and two grandchildren.