



# CHAPTER 122

## SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS

January 2010

'Serving the Public through Quality Broadcast Engineering'

### December CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING

12/10/2009

15 People Present

Meeting started at 12:20 PM

Wes Boyd accepts the minutes for last month and Bob Flis seconds.

Treasurer's Report:

No Expenses and No Income  
Checking Balance of 272.54  
Savings Interest of .17 and a 828.12 Balance

Committee Reports:

Certification: None  
Frequency Coordination above 1 GHz: None  
Frequency Coordination below 1 GHz: Wes discussed current allocations and his need for a new ICR

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Bob Flis motions to adjourn and Bill King seconds.

Meeting ends at 12:35

### WKTL begins 24/7 programming

The Struthers High School radio station started full time programming on January 5, 2010. In the past WKTL was only on the air during school hours and for ethnic programming each Saturday. An agreement between the Struthers board of education and the Akron school system is allowing WKTL to carry the programming of WAPS at all hours that local programming is not running. The audio is being delivered by T1.

### Sprint Closes In on 2GHz Relocation Finish Line

Sprint Nextel filed this week its bi-monthly report to the FCC outlining progress to date in transitioning BAS licenses to frequencies above 2025 MHz.1. The BAS licensees and Sprint Nextel have now successfully relocated BAS operations in 161 markets representing more than 83 percent of the United States population. The [complete Sprint Nextel](#) report is available on the SBE website.

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### SBE Announces Next RF Safety Course – February 24, 2010

The next SBE RF Safety Course, available as a webinar (*live presentation on the Internet with audio heard via telephone*), will take place February 24 from 2:30-5:45 p.m. EST.

This three hour course, recently updated, provides an overview of RF radiation issues and practices for broadcasters, including the biological effects of RF radiation and the distinct differences between RF radiation and ionizing radiation, FCC and OSHA regulations, workplace hazards, transmitter sites and more. Instructing the course will be noted RF safety expert [Richard Strickland](#) of RF Safety Solutions.

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## Senate Bill S. 2881 would add technical expertise to FCC Commissioners'

A bill introduced on Monday in the U.S. Senate would potentially add one electrical engineer or computer scientist within each of the offices of the five FCC Commissioners.

Introduced by Senator Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) and co-sponsored by Senator Mark Warner (D-Virginia), Senate Bill 2881 would authorize each FCC Commissioner to add one staff assistant position to the three that are currently authorized. The new position of "staff engineer" would require that the holder either have a degree in electrical engineering or be a computer scientist. If eventually passed, the new authorization would affectively undo a loosening of requirements for technical staff at the highest level of the FCC that began more than 25 years ago.

### EAS TEST SCHEDULE

1/13	09:50 RMT *
1/20	14:30
1/29	09:00
2/1	14:30
2/10	04:50 RMT *
2/15	10:30

### Corporate Mergers

Fairchild Electronics, Honeywell Computers, and Rothschild will merge and become Fairwell Honeychild.

Federal Express and UPS merge to become FED UP

### CERTIFICATION SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	DEADLINE
April 13, 2010	NAB convention	March 26, 2006
June 4-14 2010	Local Chapter	April 16, 2010
November 5-15	Local Chapter	Sept 17, 2010

The January meeting will take place at noon on January 14 th. We will meet at the Youngstown Sports Grill. Anyone with an interest in broadcast engineering is welcome to attend our meetings. Bring a friend! The meeting gathers around noon and the business meeting begins just after we order lunch.

### Tower Light Outages

The number to call to report Tower Light Outages is 877-487-6867. Be sure to have your tower registration number handy, and the FCC requires you to log outages, and needs to include time and date of the observed outage, when it was reported and the initials of both the person reporting the outage and the person taking the report.

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