



CHAPTER 122

SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS

March 2010

'Serving the Public through Quality Broadcast Engineering'

February CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING

02/11/2010

7 People Present

Meeting started at 12:20 PM

Wes Boyd accepts the minutes for last month and Mike Orto seconds.

Treasurer's Report: No Expenses
 Interest Income
 Savings Balance 828.48
 Checking Balance 272.54

Committee Reports:

Certification: None

Frequency Coordination above 1 GHz: None

Frequency Coordination below 1 GHz:

Wes briefly discussed the new ICR for Cumulus. He and John Clark of Clear Channel will discuss interference.

A brief discussion on Wireless Microphones and the 700Mhz band. When is the 'Vacate By' date?

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Bill King mentioned his Lifetime Certification was grant due to his retirement.

Short discussion on Lifetime Membership for retirement as well.

Melissa Limpose motions to adjourn and Bill King seconds.

CERTIFICATION

2009 New Certifications and Recertifications are up from the 2008 totals. New certifications are up 32 compared to this time last year. Recertifications are up 5 compared to this time last year. New certification total was 464 and Recertifications were 290. Coming up for those who hold certification is a new "SBE Certified" logo that you can use on business cards and resumes and will debut at the NAB convention. Are you certified?? Why not now?

EAS

If you have been following the EAS changes and the need to update your EAS equipment to handle the CAP format you will be interested in this statement IPAWS deputy director.

[FEMA Estimates CAP adoption date \(1/26/10\) According to a statement by IPAWS Deputy Director, Wade Witmer on January 20, 2010, FEMA estimates that its CAP adoption date, which would start the 180-day clock for broadcasters to buy CAP equipment, will be, "August or September of 2010".](#)

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Annual SBE Membership Drive has begun and this year the theme is WE MAKE IT HAPPEN. Whether it is through Certification, Education, Government Relations and or at your Local Chapter, SBE continually strives to make your membership the best it can be.

Help SBE's Membership grow and achieve more by recruiting a new member this year. The SBE Membership Drive runs from March 1, 2010 through May 31, 2010. For every new Regular or Sustaining Member that you recruit, your name will go into a drawing for this years prizes.

This year the Grand Prize is a Flat Screen HDTV and a trip to the 2010 SBE National Meeting in Madison, Wis, October 26th-27th.

Engineering Conference

Schedule of SBE Events and Meetings during 2010 NAB Show

Since 1995 the Society of Broadcast Engineers has been NAB's organizational partner for the presentation of the NAB Broadcast Engineering Conference (BEC). Like those previous, this year's BEC will be the largest and most comprehensive broadcast technical conference in the world, beginning with the Ennes Workshop on Saturday, April 10 and ending on Thursday, April 15. SBE will have a full slate of meetings and events during the week and will have a busy exhibit booth that will open

beginning Sunday afternoon with hours through Thursday.

EAS TEST SCHEDULE

3/10	0950	RMT*
3/16	1900	RWT
3/24	1000	RWT
3/29	1430	RWT
4/2	1200	RWT
4/6	1400	RWT
2/14	0450	RMT*

CERTIFICATION SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	DEADLINE
April 13, 2010	NAB convention	March 26, 2010
June 4-14 2010	Local Chapter	April 16, 2010
August 6 – 16	Local Chapter	June 4, 2010
November 5-15	Local Chapter	Sept 17, 2010

SBE MEETING

The March meeting will take place at noon on March 11 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.

The math teacher saw that little Johnny wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, 'Johnny! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?' Little Johnny quickly replied, 'NBC, FOX, ESPN and the Cartoon Network!'

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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Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting dead?

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

A bill introduced 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.