



CHAPTER 122

# CHAPTER 122 SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS

'Serving the Public through Quality Broadcast Engineering'

March 2012



WKBN News dept (and early word processors)

## SBE Chapter 122

### Meeting Minutes 2/9/2012

Meeting begins at 12:16 pm  
9 members present  
President Bill King begins meeting by asking that the January meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter be accepted.  
Jim Hartzler moves to accept, Wes Boyd seconds the motion

### Reports

Treasurer: February  
No Expenses  
Checking Acct Balance \$391.59  
Savings Acct Balance \$831.00  
Frequency Coordination: No requests  
Certification: No requests

### Old Business

None

### New Business

Discussion about updating Chapter 122 Web Page, The addition of some Historical Page Views including pictures was discussed at some length. The general consensus was that this is something we would like to do.  
Confirmation of the Ohio Tornado Drill Test time was brought up, The confirmed date is Wednesday March 28 at 09:50 originated from the State EMA headquarters.

Darren Morton motions to adjourn meeting, Bob Flis seconds the motion

Meeting ends at 12:29 pm

## HAPPY 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



## E A S Test schedules 2012

Ohio and Western Penna  
schedules are available at:

[WWW.SBE122.ORG](http://WWW.SBE122.ORG)

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## F C C NAL's

2/24/12 - **73.3526** - Self-reporting a violation was again the catalyst for a \$10k fine for WTSM(FM) in Woodville, FL. On their renewal form 303-S, the station checked "no" in response to the requirement to certify that the proper documentation was placed in the Public File. Citing the station's self-reported admission, the EB issued **an NAL for \$10k**, saying that it was evident the station's actions were "willful and repeated." (Similar to the WODR case on 2/3/12.)

2/28/12 - **73.1350** - Failure to change power and pattern bought **a \$4k NAL** to WIPC 1280, Lake Wales, FL. The 1kW day/500 W (DA) Night station was found not to change power on several occasions. The station claimed the control system had just recently malfunctioned, and the station owner had forgotten to change the power and antenna on the night the Field Agent was checking.

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For anyone having RF telephone problems  
There is a great 'flow sheet' available at:  
<http://www.sandman.com/pdf/Page42.pdf>

Some useful information on PUBLIC FILES and  
avoiding FCC Fines available at:

[www.theBDR.net](http://www.theBDR.net)

[The Public Inspection File -  
How to Get it Right](#)

[A Practical Way to Avoid In-  
spections and Fines](#)

[Self Defense Against FCC Fines](#)

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## More changes to NEW E A S Rules

There will no longer be able to have a "non participating" classification. Previous rules allowed a station to "leave the air:" during emergencies. . The FCC eliminated that "little used" classification.

At the same time the FCC eliminated the Emergency Action Termination; this now allows stations to receive and forward messages, and return to regular programs once the EOM (End Of Message) code has aired.

Also eliminated was the "Governor's Must Carry" messages. There is NO federal agency with the authority to require states to provide such alerts. States can now "opt-in" for such alerts, as they desire.

Another deletion:

There will no longer be a "text to speech" conversion.

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# Monthly Meeting

The March meeting will take place at noon March 8th, 2012.

We will meet at the Youngstown Sports Grill, 7463 South Ave. 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.

## Chapter 122 Officers for 2012

President	Bill King	
V. President	Melissa Limpose	
Financial Sec	Mike Orto	330-207-3881
Treasurer	Bob Flis	330-744-8611
Secretary	John Clarke	

### Frequency coordinators:

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Over 1 GHz	Bob Flis	330-744-8611

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SBE Chapter	Website:	<a href="http://www.sbe122.org">www.sbe122.org</a>



Some STL interference issues have developed recently. For unknown reasons one area station has been receiving interference causing a considerable increase in "data errors" in it's digital STL reception. Local engineers from Clear Channel and Cumulus are investigating !



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## 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.

