



**CHAPTER 122**  
**SOCIETY OF BROADCAST  
ENGINEERS**

*'Serving the Public through Quality Broadcast Engineering'*

**May 2013**

## **Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes 4/11/2013**

Meeting begins at 12:32pm

7 Members 2 Guests present

President Melissa Limpose begins meeting by asking that the March 2013 meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter be accepted.

Rick Foley moves to accept, Wes Boyd seconds the motion.

### **Reports**

Treasurer Report: April

Checking account balance: \$151.47

Income Member dues \$10.00

April balance \$161.47

Savings Account balance: \$1,024.33

February dividend .06

March Balance \$1,024.39

Frequency Coordination: None

Certification: None

EAS: Dale Lamm discusses EAS FIPS code matching filters for weather events. Also discussed was airing both Weather Watches and Warnings in our respective markets. (Youngstown, Canton)

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business**

President Melissa Limpose presents letter from (ex chapter member and past president) Jim Hartzler thanking chapter for memorial contribution to his daughter Juanita Hartzler.

Vice President Wes Boyd says that OAB is soliciting ideas for fall Engineering Conference in Columbus.

Rick Foley motions to adjourn the meeting, Kip Button seconds the motion.

Meeting ends at 12:45 pm.

# GUESS WHAT...

Monthly meetings are moving location again !



## Monthly Meeting

NEW Location **Café 422**

**8586 South Ave Boardman, Oh 44514** 330-629 2422

(about a mile south of the Clear Channel radio complex)

(OR 680 to Western reserve Exit, turn right/west. Then turn right/north on South Avenue)

**(YOU HAVE REACHED YOUR DESTINATION !!!)**

**Meetings: 2nd Thursday Monthly Starting shortly after 12 noon**

<http://www.cafe422.com/lunchmenusandwiches.html#>

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> 2013**

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# DIELECTRIC

22 Tower Rd Raymond, Me 04071

**(Speaking the language of Broadcasters everywhere !)**

After careful consideration, SPX has decided to discontinue the broadcast television and radio and wireless antenna operations of its Dielectric Communications business unit worldwide, due to extremely difficult global economic conditions in the broadcast marketplace, and SPX's ongoing efforts to further focus its future growth strategy on its Flow Technology business. We have made the impacted Dielectric employees in the U.S. aware of this difficult decision.

Please note that Dielectric broadcast and wireless antenna will continue to operate in a limited capacity through the end of June 2013. Our primary focus will be on completing outstanding orders while also conducting the necessary steps to close the business.



# **FAA:**

**The number to call for reporting tower beacon and side-light outages:**

**1-877-487-6867**

*(Be sure to get the NOTAM number and  
call back to report when the lights are restored)*

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# **President Obama Nominates Financier and Former Telecom Executive Tom Wheeler as FCC Chairman**

On Wednesday, May 1, President Barack Obama [announced](#) that he has nominated Tom Wheeler to be the new Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. If the Senate confirms the nomination, Wheeler will replace Julius Genachowski who announced his resignation from the FCC in March. Pending Wheeler's confirmation, FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn -- the agency's soon-to-be senior Democrat -- will serve as the Commission's acting chairman.

**Wheeler, 67, has served as an informal adviser to Obama in recent years and has been a major fundraiser for his political campaigns. He has a background as a venture capitalist and as a lobbyist for the communications industry. He is the former President of the National Cable Television Association ([NCTA](#), now known as National Cable & Telecommunications Association) and former Chief Executive Officer of the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association ([CTIA](#)). Currently, he is a [Managing Director at Core Capital Partners](#), a venture capital firm in Washington, DC.**

Obama, who made the announcement from the State Dining Room in the White House, said that Wheeler "has been at the forefront of some of the very dramatic changes that we've seen in the way we communicate and how we live our lives. He was one of the leaders of a company that helped create thousands of good, high-tech jobs. He's in charge of the group that advises the FCC on the latest technology issues. He's helped give American consumers more choices and better products."

As technology continues to shape the way that Americans do business and communicate, Obama said that Wheeler will help the FCC fulfill a very important mission: "[Wheeler will give] businesses and workers the tools they need to compete in the 21st century economy, and making sure we're staying at the cutting edge of an industry that again and again we've revolutionized here in America."

**Just makes ya' feel all sorta frequency protected and stuff doesn't it ??**



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**The official REPORT of the National EAS test of November 2011 was released !**



## Strengthening the Emergency Alert System (EAS):

Lessons Learned from the Nationwide EAS Test April 2013

[http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2013/db0412/DOC-320152A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2013/db0412/DOC-320152A1.pdf)

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**Stolen from:**

# ***Broadcasters' Desktop Resource***

*by Barry Mishkind*

*(www.thebdr.net)*

5/1/13 - [73.3526](#) - **Forfeiture Orders for \$10k** were issued to two stations, denying their appeals against NALs over Issues & Programs lists (See 5/26/11, below, for more details and link to the original NAL). Stephen Peters, former licensee of WHAW in Lost Creek, WV and Della Jane Woofter, licensee of WVRW in Glenville, WV were cited for missing files. Both stations' were co-located in Weston, WV where the station manager first said they had no files, then claimed the files were damaged in a storm and were still "drying out" ... two months later. The FCC somewhat dryly noted that lists submitted to the FCC later did not show evidence of water damage.

4/22/13 - [73.503\(d\)](#), **399B** - WOBO(FM) in Batavia, OH was issued [an NALF for \\$3k](#) as part of a Memorandum Opinion and Order. The station was judged to have violated underwriting announcement rules multiple times, but the fine was moderated. Other issues in the MO&O appear to have stemmed from disagreements of Board members and were mostly dismissed, although the FCC has forwarded to the Department of Justice a note that the station **did violate** Section 1335 of US Code Title 15, relating to the **broadcast of commercials for tobacco products** [a commercial from a program recorded in the late 1940s.](#)

**(For those interested, the manpower at the EB currently seems to be focused on the very large number of citations frequently being issued for 'illegal receipt of Lifeline Support cell service.')**

## **Thanks to Barry and the BDR**

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## **PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ENCOURAGES STATE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEES TO REVIEW AND AMEND STATE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM PLANS TO ENSURE UP-TO-DATE EAS MONITORING ASSIGNMENTS**

**EB Docket No. 04-296**

Section 11.21 of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) rules<sup>1</sup> describes the requirements for State Emergency Alert System (EAS) Plans. These plans contain the guidelines that must be followed by EAS Participants' personnel, emergency officials, and National Weather Service personnel to activate the EAS.<sup>2</sup> These guidelines include identification of monitoring assignments to ensure that EAS Participants within each state are able to receive transmitted alerts. The Chief of the Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB or the Bureau) must approve these plans prior to implementation to ensure that they are consistent with national plans, FCC regulations, and EAS operation.<sup>3</sup>

On April 12, 2013, PSHSB issued its report, "Strengthening the Emergency Alert System (EAS): Lessons Learned from the Nationwide EAS Test."<sup>4</sup> That report included an analysis of data submitted by EAS Participants in connection with their participation in the first ever nationwide test of the EAS which

the Commission and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) conducted on November 9, 2011. PSHSB concluded that the test demonstrated that the EAS alert distribution architecture is basically sound, but identified certain problems disclosed by the test and included recommendations designed to improve the EAS moving forward.<sup>5</sup> Among others, PSHSB recommended that the Commission issue “a Public Notice encouraging states to review and as necessary update their EAS plans to ensure that they contain accurate and up-to-date information regarding monitoring assignments as required by FCC rules.”



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