



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

*'Serving the Public through Quality Broadcast Engineering'*

**February 2014**

***SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes 1/9/2014***

Meeting begins at 12:25pm

9 Members present.

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

Rick Foley moves to accept, Bob Flis seconds the motion.

**Reports**

Treasurer Report: January

Collection from Members	6.00
Expenses: Dec. 2013 Lunch	\$161.18
Checking Gross Balance	\$247.69
Savings Account Balance	\$1024.69
November Dividend	.04
December Balance	\$1024.77

Frequency Coordination: No requests

Certification: No Report

EAS: 2014 EAS Schedule for Youngstown Operational Area has been posted.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Secretary John Clarke will submit Officer Election ballot to SBE National office.

Rick Foley motions to adjourn meeting, Bob Flis seconds the motion.



Meeting ends at 12:31 pm.

# A note for AM station engineers..

Interesting information by Larry Wilkins on the Alabama Broadcasters Association website  
<http://al-ba.com/wp2/engineering-notebook-important-information-for-am-station-engineers/>

Mostly information on maintaining power levels and directional patterns.  
The FCC has been visiting transmitter sites before stopping at the studios for a visit.  
And in some cases issued fines based on a site visit that the station wasn't aware of.

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# Monthly Meeting

Café 422 Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 2014

**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)

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

**Stolen from:**

***Broadcasters'DesktopResource***

*by Barry Mishkind (www.thebdr.net)*

1/23/14 - **73.49** - Two in two weeks - maybe it is time to check your fences? Birch Broadcasting received this **NAL for \$10k** for its WTOR operation in Youngstown, NY. The Field Agent found the towers were not secure, one gate completely removed and laying on the ground, foliage growing through the fences, several in really bad shape, and missing significant sections. The normal \$7k fine was increased to \$10k because Birch had previously been cited for a similar violation.

1/16/14 - **73.49** - Failure to maintain an effective locked fence around AM towers brought **an NALF for \$7k** to the Catholic Church, licensee of WKVM in San Juan, PR. The fence, said to be damaged in a storm six months before the field agent's inspection, was missing sections, as was the fence around the entire property.

1/8/14 - **73.3526** - Excuses. In June 2011, WLSW, Scottdale, PA was tagged with **an NAL for \$15k** for missing their quarterly Issues & Programs lists. Originally, the station claimed that "a person or persons had gone through the file and that some items had been removed...." The station committed to replacing or constructing new files to replace the missing ones. A followup inspection revealed - surprise - that there were no Issues & Programs lists. This time "the snow ate it" and/or the files were in storage somewhere else. The FCC was not persuaded, although they did reduce the file - this time only - to \$7500.

## Chapter 122 Officers for 2013

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Four new portable transistorized remote amplifiers from GATES



Has anyone noticed the NEW lighting changes at WFMJ TV 21's tower ?

**WFMJ TV 21**  
**YOUNGSTOWN'S FAVORITE 14**  
**MIGHTY 14 MUSIC SCENE**

THE MIGHTY 14 LIST

Rank	Artist	Rank	Artist
1	The Beatles - Hey Jude	11	The Who - My Generation
2	The Beatles - Let It Be	12	The Who - I Wanna Be Like You
3	The Beatles - Yesterday	13	The Who - I'm a Boy
4	The Beatles - I Want to Hold Your Hand	14	The Who - I Don't Wanna Grow Up
5	The Beatles - Two of Us		
6	The Beatles - I Am a Woman		
7	The Beatles - Hey Jude		
8	The Beatles - Let It Be		
9	The Beatles - Yesterday		
10	The Beatles - I Want to Hold Your Hand		

SEE HIT PACKS, WFMJ T-SHIRTS, HOT L.P.'s... AND MORE EXCITING REWARDS ON THE SORRY LUCKY SHOW