



CHAPTER 122
**SOCIETY OF
BROADCAST
ENGINEERS**

*Serving the Public through
Quality Broadcast Engineering*

August 2014

SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes 7/10/2014

Meeting begins at 12:29pm 11 Members 1 Guest present

President Melissa Limpose begins the meeting by asking that the June 2014 meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter are accepted. Rick Foley moves to accept, Bob Flis seconds the motion.

Reports

Treasurer Report: July

Collection from Members \$6.00

Expenses: None

Checking Gross Balance \$292.69

Savings Account Balance \$1024.89

June Dividend .04

2014 Chapter Rebate 180.00

July 1 Savings Balance \$1205.01

Frequency Coordination: None

Certification: Dave Brett requests list of certified members, it is available on SBE National website

EAS: Some discussion of EMA originated LP-2 RMT

Old Business

Rick Foley requesting permission to post "SBE The First 50 Years" on Chapter 122 website.

New Business

None

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

Meeting ends at 12:36 pm.

Stolen from: *Broadcasters' Desktop Resource*
by Barry Mishkind (www.thebdr.net)



A very good article on FCC FINES <http://www.thebdr.net/articles/fcc/insp/insp-cost.pdf>

Also <http://www.thebdr.net/articles/fcc/insp/insp-ABIP1.pdf> **On the Road with an ABIP Inspector**

6/19/14 - - **301, 333, 302, 2.803, 2.805, 2.807, 15.1(c), 15.3(o), and 15.201 (and maybe the kitchen sink, too)** - The FCC has previously fined companies that make signal jammers, as well as users, but this is planned to be [the largest fine ever issued by the Commission: \\$34.9 million](#). Of course, the big question is whether the FCC can collect from CTS, a Chinese company that sells the units on the Internet. FCC personnel bought 10 of them, to be test, and the result is a demand to stop making and selling the units, and to provide a list of who bought them. Again, the big question is whether the FCC can actually enforce this one.

6/9/14 - [17.50](#) - Failure to maintain lighting exposed another violation at two towers: failure to conform to the terms of authorization. The [NAL for \\$10k](#) pointed out that the tower's ASR authorization specified painting the tower. In fact, the tower owner, Dalrymple Realty in Elmira, NY had installed white lights ten years ago but not kept the paint up to date. When the obstruction light failed in July 2013, no NOTAM was filed and agents discovered the variation. The other [NAL for \\$15K](#) was assessed against Northeast Passage Corp, in Hightstown, NJ.

6/9/14 - [73.3526](#) - Vision Latina in Port Neches, TX dodged at \$25k fine due to poor finances. (see 4/2/12 below) The FCC had previous reduced it to \$500, but will now settle for an admonishment to the former operators of KBPO.

6/9/14 - [11.35](#) - A reduction from \$10k to [a Forfeiture Order of \\$6k](#) was won by WWRR in Scranton, PA. The initial violation was (see 1/31/11, below), that although EAS gear was on order at one station it did not have a working unit nor were tests being run when inspected. The fact the EAS unit was on order, plus a good reputation got the \$4k reduction.

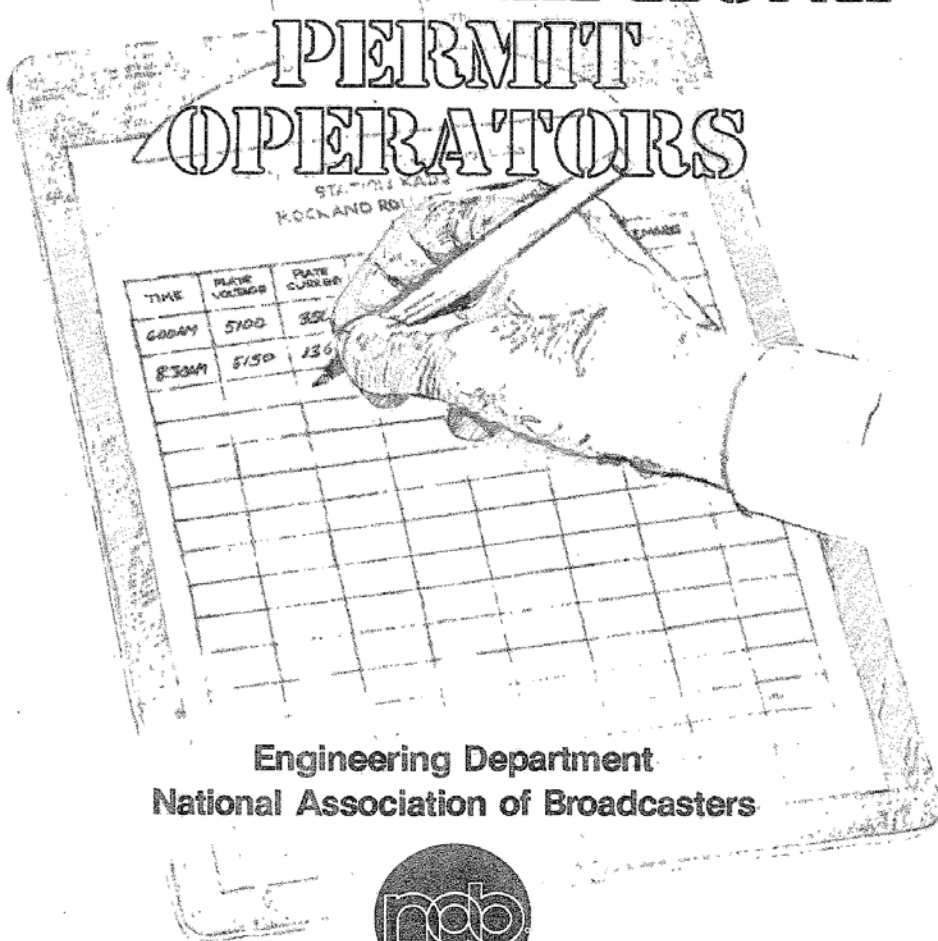
6/4/14 - [73.3526](#) - When 24 Issues & Program lists are not in the Public File, the FCC considers that a fairly bad move, and therefore [an NAL for \\$10k](#) was issued to WMMG in Brandenburg, KY. In reply, the station made an argument they should not have: Claiming a history of compliance that was ... erm ... not a history of compliance.

6/3/14 - [73.49](#) - Lock the gate! The FCC rule is that there must be "an effective locked fence" around an AM tower. The engineer for WENY in Southport, NY left the gate unlocked for six days before an FCC agent discovered the problem. Ka-Ching: the [NAL for \\$7k](#) was issued to Sound Communications, the owner.

**Thanks to Barry and the BDR, a great source for the latest news of the industry,
a weekly e-mail report, and FREE !**



EXAMINATION FOR RESTRICTED RADIO-TELEPHONE PERMIT OPERATORS



Engineering Department
National Association of Broadcasters





For broadcast engineers,

the day-to-day is anything but ordinary.

Thu
10/30/14

12th Annual Ohio Broadcast Engineering Conference
For engineers & technical staff at radio & TV stations, the conference provides educational & regulatory information as well as a vendor trade show. Sponsored by the Ohio Association of Broadcasters & the Ohio chapters of SBE & SMPTE.



Monthly Meeting

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)

Meeting: Aug 14 2nd Thursday Monthly Starting just after 12 noon

Is this a tower problem, or a fencing issue ?



The 40th Annual 2014 Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show Admission \$6 per person

September 28th, 2014 8:00am to 2:00pm <http://www.hac.org/>

at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea, OH

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