Society Of Broadcast Engineers Chapter 59

Minutes of the December 10, 2009 Meeting

The December meeting of Chapter 59 of the **Society of Broadcast Engineers** was held December 10, 2009 at Zarda Barbecue, 11931 West $87^{\rm th}$ Street, Lenexa, Kansas. There were 12 in attendance. Robin Cross, chapter chairman, was in charge.

Cross opened the business meeting at 12:18 PM. Ben Weiss read the minutes of the November meeting. The motion to accept the minutes was by Chriss and the second was by Dave Buell. Passed.

Chriss Scherer, certification chairman, reminded us that December 31st is the deadline for signing up for the February certification exams. He also noted that March 26^{th} is the deadline for signing up for the exams that will be given in April at the NAB show. Scherer also remarked that the December edition of *The Communicator* is the last one. Going forward a post card will be mailed to members announcing the date and locations of future meetings. E-mail will also be used to notify members of future meetings.

Regarding SBE national issues, Chriss indicated that members can now renew their annual memberships by going on the SBE website. Previously, individuals could only join on line. Fiscal year memberships run from April to April.

Scherer initiated a brief discussion about the possibility of having the chapter host a national SBE convention in Kansas City. Should a national convention be held in Kansas City, the central US location would be a big draw for members in surrounding states as well as nationally. One question that surfaced was if a national convention could be held in conjunction with the annual convention of the Missouri Broadcasters association. There will be further discussion of this at future meetings.

John Gray, program chairman, said that the January meeting will feature a field trip to the Kansas City, Missouri city crime lab. No program has been secured for the February meeting, however, the March meeting will be the annual RF Specialties engineer appreciation lunch and the annual election of officers.

The motion to adjourn was by Mike Rogers and the second by Darrell Nickolaus.

Chris Crump, from Comrex, presented the program that addressed ${\tt IP}$ audio coding for transmission of broadcast quality audio.

Submitted by:

Ben Weiss Secretary

Chairman's Chat

By: Robin Cross, Chapter Chairman

Wow!!! Another year down the drain. I hope your station(s) did well during the advertising season. I keep hearing that the economy is doing better but it is still difficult out there. As I travel around the area I have noticed that the suburbs seem to be doing better - maybe much - than the core urban areas of Kansas City. This is usually the case in better economic times but it seems more extreme than it has been. At any rate, I wish you a very prosperous New Year!!