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Society Of Broadcast Engineers
Chapter 59

Minutes of the April 21, 2011 Meeting

The April meeting of Chapter 59 of the **Society of Broadcast Engineers** was held April 21, 2011 at Don Chilito's; 7017 Johnson Drive; Mission, Kansas. There were 13 in attendance. Mike Rogers, chapter chairman, was in charge.

Rogers opened the business meeting at 12:02PM and he asked Ben Weiss to read the minutes of the March meeting. The motion to accept the minutes and the financial report was by Chris Castro and the second was by John Gray.

Chapter program chairman, John Gray, indicated that the May meeting would consist of an open form with topics to be determined. Those members that were able to attend the April 2011 NAB convention are urged to reveal what they found interesting.

Chriss Scherer, chapter certification chairman, reminded us that the next local chapter exams will be given June 3-13. The application deadline has passed. The next local chapter exams will be August 5-15 and the registration deadline is June 3rd.

Scherer remarked that Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME) and Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) have introduced Senate Bill 611. The FCC TECH Act, which stands for FCC Technical Expertise Capacity Heightening Act is supposed to provide greater technical resources to FCC Commissioners. The bill was introduced on Thursday, March 17 and is, in affect, a replacement bill for S2881 that was introduced by the same two senators last year. That bill died as a result of procedural issues. The SBE has been very active in encouraging the introduction and eventual passing of this bill and has worked closely with Senator Snowe's office for more than a year.

According to Scherer, there are three upcoming educational events open to members. The next SBE RF Safety Course takes place Tuesday, June 21 at 2:30 p.m. ET. The course is designed for broadcast station personnel, including chief and assistant chief engineers, transmitter site engineers, ENG and SNG maintenance personnel and management that need to have an understanding of RF safety issues and regulations. Instructing the course is noted RF safety expert, Richard Strickland of RF Safety Solutions.

Two Ennes Workshops have recently been confirmed. The Hartford Ennes Workshop takes place Thursday, May 19 at the Courtyard Marriott in Cromwell, CT. The Pittsburgh Ennes Workshop takes place Tuesday, June 7 at KPXI. Registration for all three events is available on the SBE website.

Finally, Scherer said that the 2011 SBE annual membership drive is in full swing. It will run through the end of this month. The goal is to grow SBE's membership by sponsoring a new member. For every new member that you sponsor, your name will be entered in the membership drive prize drawing. You will receive five entries for every Sustaining Member that you sponsor. You will also receive five dollars off your 2012 membership renewal for each new member you recruit (up to \$25), which means everyone is a winner! This year will also see the return of the Golden Recruiter award. This award will be given to the top two chapters who have the highest percentage of current SBE members participating in the drive.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was by Robin Cross and the second by Chriss Scherer.

The program was presented by Kit Peters and discussed security for IP based equipment.

Submitted by:
Ben Weiss
Secretary