

August 16, 2011

Society Of Broadcast Engineers
Chapter 59

Minutes of the August 11, 2011 Meeting

The August meeting of Chapter 59 of the **Society of Broadcast Engineers** was held August 11, 2011 at Denny's Restaurant 3832 Blue Ridge Cutoff; Kansas City, Missouri. There were 6 in attendance. Mike Rogers, chapter chairman, was in charge.

Rogers opened the business meeting at 12:15 PM and he asked Ben Weiss to read the minutes of the July meeting. The motion to accept the minutes was by Dave Buell and the second was by Ed Treese.

In the absence of Chriss Scherer, chapter certification chairman, Mike Rogers read his report. The next exam window is November 4-14 and the application deadline is September 16th.

SBE Recognizes National Award Recipients Recipients of the 2011 SBE National Awards will be recognized on September 28 in Columbus, OH, at the SBE National Awards Dinner. The event is part of the annual SBE National Meeting, which is being held in conjunction with the Ohio Broadcast Engineering Conference.

The winner of the SBE Broadcast Engineer of the Year Award is Al Grossniklaus, CBNT, P.E., of Indianapolis. Grossniklaus became director of engineering for WTHR Indianapolis in 1995, a member of the SBE in 1984, and he is also a local NFL game day coordinator.

The 2011 SBE Educator of the Year is Steve Lampen, CBRE. Lampen utilizes his travels promoting the Belden product line, as an opportunity to understand what broadcast engineers need. Lampen educates industry members about his expertise in dozens of topics at Ennes sessions, NAB and SBE chapter meetings while traveling an average of 300 days per year. Lampen strives to make his presentations, which have been an anchor for Ennes workshops for 10 years, educational, entertaining, accurate and useful.

Nautel will be awarded the SBE Technology Award for its Advanced User Interface (AUI) and associated productivity technologies.

John Davis, CBNT, will be presented with the Best Technical Article Award for "Choosing a Network Switch for Audio-over-IP." The article was published in the April 2011 edition of Radio magazine.

Chapter 24, Madison, Wisconsin is being recognized for its achievements with three awards including Best Chapter Website, Best Regional Convention and Best Chapter Newsletter.

Statistical awards recognize two chapters based on chapter enrollment. Class A represents chapters whose membership is less than the national median. Class B includes chapters with membership greater than the national median. The award for Most Certified Chapter goes to Chapter 118, Montgomery, AL, in Class A and Chapter 131, Inland Empire in Class B. The Chapter with Greatest Percentage Growth of New Members Award is being presented to Chapter 44, Shreveport, LA, in Class A and Chapter 25, Indianapolis in Class B. The Chapter with Highest Percentage of Member Attendance at Meetings Award goes to Chapter 136, Rio Grande Valley in Class A and Chapter 76, Eugene, OR.

The National Elections are Underway. All voting members of the SBE are urged to cast ballots in this year's election of national officers and directors. Ballots for the annual election of members to serve on the SBE national Board of Directors were mailed on July 25. The voting process will take place over a one-month period, ending August 25. On that evening, ballots will be counted and winners determined. The Board consists of 17 members, including four officers, 12 directors and the immediate past president. All four officer positions and six director seats are up for election each year.

One candidate is running for each of the four officer positions of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. There are seven candidates running for the six at-large director seats being contested this year. Members had until July 11 to be nominated and meet the candidacy requirements to run for office. A complete list of candidates with photographs is available on the SBE website.

Return the ballot to the SBE National Office so that it arrives by Thursday, August 25.

Finally, if anyone is wondering, my current national board term will end in September. I was eligible to run for another board term, but after 14 years of national service I decided to step down for a while.

Rogers also read a report from Kirk Chestnut, KC Metro area EAS chairman. Kirk stated that beginning Thursday, August 18 at 10:00AM the Missouri Highway Patrol will begin testing of the SpectraAlert Alert Messenger system.

The SpectraAlert was discussed. It seems that those in attendance were not very familiar with it.

Program chairman, John Gray, said that the September meeting would be the annual picnic at the Lake Lotawana home of Ed and Barbara Treese. The date was set for September 17th.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was by Ed and the second by John Gray.

The program was a most interesting tour of Alarm Central a KC area security monitoring facility.

Submitted by:
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Secretary