

January 10, 2012

Society Of Broadcast Engineers
Chapter 59

Minutes of the December 8, 2011 Meeting

The December meeting of Chapter 59 of the **Society of Broadcast Engineers** was held December 8, 2011 at Don Chilito's; 7017 Johnson Drive; Mission, Kansas. There were 11 in attendance. Mike Rogers, chapter chairman, was in charge.

Rogers opened the business meeting at 12:12PM and he asked Ben Weiss to read the minutes of the November meeting. The motion to accept the minutes was by Chriss Scherer and the second was by Dave Buell.

Kirk Chestnut, KC Metro EAS chairman, briefly discussed the fact the FEMA has begun sending manual test utilizing the CAP format and that CAP compliant EAS receivers that are programmed to poll the FEMA CAP servers should be receiving the test. Apparently, FEMA will begin sending automated test targeted to specific time zones in the near future. The automated test will be sent Mondays at 10:05, 11:05, 12:05, and 13:05 daily and are intended to allow users to confirm their CAP/EAS devices are properly configured to receive the CAP test.

Additionally, Kirk remarked that on Thursday Jan. 12th he will represent SBE59 at the MEMC (Metro Emergency Managers Committee) meeting and voice our desire for membership. Successful implementation of CAP (Common Alerting Protocol) will require a partnership and good lines of communication between Emergency Management and Broadcasters.

Program chairman, John Gray, remarked that the January meeting will be integrated with a mini equipment expo sponsored by EVS and held at the Community of Christ Headquarters in Independence. The proposed date is Tuesday, January 17th. The Expo will run from 10AM-3PM with the chapter meeting at noon. EVS will provide lunch.

Chriss Scherer, chapter certification chairman, indicated that the next local chapter exams will be February 3-13 and the registration deadline is December 31st. He has offered to proctor an exam almost anytime someone would like to take one.

The matter of the chapter purchasing a video projector was again discussed. John Gray remarked that prices for video projectors ranged from about \$350 to \$500. John made a motion that he get hard price figures and report at the next meeting. The second was by Ed Treese, passed.

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

John Sims presented the program. He showed pictures and discussed his experiences traveling to Tanzania, Africa, with a team from Tri Lakes Church in Branson. They completed the installation of equipment for Radio Ushindi in Mbeya, a city of nearly 2 million people. They also helped design studios and the RF plant for a new station that will be built in Morogoro (a university city) in 2012.

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