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Society Of Broadcast Engineers
Chapter 59

Minutes of the April 12, 2012 Meeting

The April meeting of Chapter 59 of the **Society of Broadcast Engineers** was held April 12, 2012 at Godfather's Pizza, 7002 Johnson Drive, Mission, KS. There were 14 in attendance. Mike Rogers, chapter chairman, was in charge

Rogers opened the business meeting at 11:59AM and he asked Ben Weiss to read the minutes of the March meeting. The motion to accept the minutes was by Steve Hendrix and the second by John Gray. The motion passed.

John Gray, chapter program chairman, remarked that the May meeting program will be presented by Telos and highlight IT applications. The June meeting program is open and the July program will be presented by ENCO. Gray also mentioned that the March program power point on spectrum analyzer applications presented by Greg Best is now up on the web site.

Chriss Scherer, chapter certification chairman, remarked that the next local exams will be given June 1-11 and that the registration deadline is April 13th. Chriss is willing to proctor an exam almost anytime. He also told us that there is a new certification level being initiated in June. It's the Certified Broadcast Network Engineer or CBNE.

The EAS report by Kirk Chestnut, Kansas City EAS chairman, included the reminder that all stations must be CAP compliant by June 30th. Interestingly, the FCC has issued a prohibition against using the Text to Speech feature on EAS units. Each station engineer should make sure the feature is turned off by the April 23rd deadline. Further Kirk remarked that the factory default setting for the feature in the SAGE Digital Endec units has the feature off and unless specific measures were taken to enable the feature it will be disabled.

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

Jeff Welton of Nautel presented the program. He told us about the use of MDCL (Modulation Dynamic Carrier Limiting) for AM stations. Implementing this process provides stations with some dynamic energy cost savings in high power AM transmitter operation.

Submitted by:
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Secretary