

August 13, 2012

Society Of Broadcast Engineers
Chapter 59

Minutes of the August 9, 2012 Meeting

The August meeting of Chapter 59 of the **Society of Broadcast Engineers** was held August 9, 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 12:05PM and he asked Ben Weiss to read the minutes of the July meeting. The motion to accept the minutes was by Steve Hendrix and the second by Greg Best. The motion passed.

John Gray, chapter program chairman, remarked that the September meeting program will be presented by Nautel and the October meeting program will be presented by Sennheiser. Gray also mentioned that there have been some updates to the chapter website worth checking out.

Kirk Chestnut, Kansas City EAS chairman, noted that Monday August 6th the FEMA iPaws server went down. On the Sage EAS Endecs, the "AUTO" light was flashing to indicate the loss of connectivity with the server. When the server was back up and running the AUTO light extinguished.

Chriss Scherer, chapter certification chairman, reminded us that the next local exams will be given November 2-16 and that the registration deadline is September 14th. Chriss is willing to proctor an exam almost anytime. He also told us that the first CBNE exams have been given and there are now some broadcast engineers with the CBNE letters after their names.

Continuing his remarks; Scherer reminded us of the national SBE convention slated for October 23-24 in Denver, Colorado. Local Denver chapter 48 will host the event that will combine with the Rocky Mountain Audio/Visual Expo and the SBE/SMPTE Broadcast Engineer's Boot Camp. During the event there will be workshops, seminars and the exhibit floor will have more than 100 booths sponsored by over 120 companies. The feature event will be the National Awards Reception and Dinner. Awards will be given to the engineer of the year, SBE educator of the year, best technical article, SBE technology award, best social media site, frequency coordination, regional convention, chapter news letter and best chapter website.

There was a brief discussion about preventing copper theft. Dave Buell mentioned the Data Dot security system that is state of the art identification and anti-theft security system applicable to most assets. The product consists of polyester substrate micro-dots, each the size of a grain of sand, onto which unique information is laser etched. The, virtually invisible, Data Dots can be applied to almost any physical asset such as equipment; even copper articles. Information matching that which is etched on the dot can be entered into a nationwide data base for retrieval whenever a stolen item is recovered and therefore providing a path for return of the item to its original owner. Apparently, Independence Power & Light is using the Data Dot system to mark some of its assets.

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

John Bisset of Elenos presented the program highlighting the Elenos line of energy efficient FM transmitters.

Submitted by:
Ben Weiss
Secretary