

April 29, 2013

Society of Broadcast Engineers  
Chapter 59

Minutes of the April 17, 2013 Meeting

The April meeting of Chapter 59 of the **Society of Broadcast Engineers** was held April 17, 2013 at Don Chilito's; 7017 Johnson Drive; Mission, Kansas. There were 8 in attendance. Mike Rogers, chapter chairman, was in charge.

Rogers opened the business meeting at 12:28PM and he asked Ben Weiss to read the minutes of the March meeting. The motion to accept the minutes was by Dave Buell and the second by Chriss Scherer. The motion passed.

Kirk Chestnut, Kansas City Metro EAS chairman reported that the FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making regarding Accessible Emergency Information and Apparatus Requirements for Emergency Information and Video Description. It is part of the Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010. Apparently one problem that exists in the plan is how to make emergency audio available during regular TV programming. The proposal is to use the SAP channel; however, the SAP channel may be already in use for Spanish.

Regarding future programs, John Gray indicated that the May program will be presented by Mary Ann Seidler of Tieline. She will discuss IP Solutions During Disasters and IP Audio for STL. The June meeting will be presented by Wheatstone.

Chriss Scherer, chapter certification chairman, stated that the next local cert exams will be given June 7-17 but that the application deadline has passed. The August exams will be given August 9-19 and the deadline for registration is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Scherer also told us about the national Jubilee Project. It is an amnesty program for members that have let their certification lapse. The Jubilee Project is a special opportunity for individuals who have allowed their SBE certification to lapse, to regain it with no exam required. The Jubilee Project, named for the SBE 50th anniversary that takes place in 2014, is for those who previously held an SBE certification that expired from January 1999 through January 2012. The project is open now through April 30, 2014. There is a special application form on the national SBE website.

Mike Rogers mentioned that SBE national suggests that local chapters select an individual from their membership to honor as engineer of the year. That individual would then be eligible to be selected as national engineer of the year. The process for selection has not been developed yet.

Rogers, who represents chapter 59 on the Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee, discussed recent meetings with the group. Mike's representation at the meetings is to help the committee understand our concerns should a disaster occur with respect to Emergency access to studio and transmitter sites, availability of emergency fuel supplies, and methods for dissemination of emergency information. Mike indicated that a serious problem seems to be getting the group to think about communicating emergency information to the public by radio and TV and what should be the fool proof path to do so.

The motion to adjourn was by Kirk and the second by Dave Buell.

Submitted by:  
Ben Weiss  
Secretary