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Society Of Broadcast Engineers Chapter 59

Minutes of the December 10, 2014 Meeting

The December meeting of Chapter 59 of the **Society of Broadcast Engineers** was held December 10, 2014 at Godfathers Pizza; 7002 Johnson Drive; Mission, Kansas. There were 8 in attendance. John Beck, chapter vice chairman, was in charge.

Beck opened the business meeting at 12:15PM. He asked Ben Weiss to read the minutes of the November meeting. The motion to accept the minutes was by Kirk Chestnut and the second by John Gray. The motion passed.

John Gray, chapter program chairman, commented that the program for the day had to be rescheduled for another date. The January program will be presented by Al Salci, of Sierra Automated Systems & Engineering. He will give A Digital Audio Transport Update and discuss the latest audio over IP technology.

Chriss Scherer, chapter certification chairman, though absent, would have reminded us that the next opportunity to take an exam will be February 6-16 and the registration deadline is December $31^{\rm st}$. Also, he can proctor an exam almost anytime.

Ed Treese renewed the discussion about badges that would allow engineering personnel access to studio and transmitter sites during emergency conditions. He said Kent Cornish (KAB) had circulated an email regarding passes for engineering personnel in the state of Kansas. Apparently there is a form that engineers can fill out that serves as an application for a pass. The engineer has to be linked to a certain station and that raises a question regarding those contract engineers that work for a number of stations. Would a separate form be necessary for each station a contract engineer may work for? Mike Rogers is looking into this aspect of the application. Mike is going to pursue getting something like this for Missouri stations. Apparently MARC is still dragging their feet on this one. Ben read the requirements for engineers applying for the pass in Kansas through the KAB.

Ed mentioned that the FAA is modifying their Notem issuance procedures. As of January 15, 2015 the station engineer reporting a tower light outage will be able to specify the amount of time the Notem can span. No longer will Notems be assigned an automatic effective time span of fifteen days.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was by Dave Buell and the second by Ron Rockrohr.

The program consisted of an open form.

Submitted by: Ben Weiss, Secretary