

Society of Broadcast Engineers, Chapter 59

Minutes of the May 14, 2025, Meeting

On May 14, 2025, SBE Chapter 59 met at KJNW Studios, located at 9225 Indian Creek Pkwy, Building 32, Suite 120, in Overland Park, Kansas. Ed Treese, Chapter Chair, presided over the gathering of 10 members and one guest.

The meeting commenced at 12:06 PM. Dave Buell, the Secretary Pro Tem, read the minutes of the April meeting. Karl Lind proposed and Chris Castro seconded the motion to accept the minutes, which was unanimously approved.

Next, Chriss Scherer, the Treasurer Pro Tem, presented the financial report for April. Brandon Travis proposed and Kirk Chestnut seconded the motion to accept the report, which was also approved by acclamation.

Scherer also shared that on April 28, Ben Weiss met with him and Ed Treese to update the bank records. Former Chapter Chair Steve Hendrix was removed from the account, and Ed Treese and Chriss Scherer were added. Additionally, the chapter's mailing address for the account was updated to Chriss Scherer's residence, and a new set of checks was ordered.

EAS Coordinator Kirk Chestnut had nothing significant to report but mentioned that a comment window is currently open on the FCC website regarding EAS virtualization.

Frequency Coordinator Chris Castro reported that towards the end of football season, he noticed a significant increase in STLs. He believes this trend will become the norm. Additionally, he observed a decline in wireless mics from churches and businesses, suggesting these users have transitioned to the 2-gig band. Castro also mentioned that NASCAR has ceased coordinating with him; he requested anyone experiencing interference to contact him.

Programs Committee Chair John Gray said that no programs are finalized for upcoming meetings. There were discussions about honoring Kirk Chestnut with an Engineer of the Year award, and recognizing Ben Weiss for his decades of service as Secretary/Treasurer.

Chriss Scherer shared updates from National. Candidates have been added to the slate for the SBE elections, which will run from mid-July to mid-August. A grace period for membership renewals closes on July 1st. Three new SBE fellows were named at NAB. A new LPFM self-inspection guide is now available. Finally, a reminder was given that the annual membership drive ends on May 31st. For details about these items, visit sbe.org/about/news/.

Scherer noted that the next local SBE certification exam window is in June, but the deadline for it has already passed. The next window after that is in August, with a June 14th deadline.

Kirk Chestnut proposed a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mike Portz. The motion passed by acclamation at 12:32 PM.

Karl Lind shared and discussed pictures from a recent and impressive 50 kW station build for KCKZ, located north of Columbia, Missouri. The ground-up installation replaced an engineering nightmare inherited as part of a station acquisition. Lind then conducted a tour of the KJNW

facilities in Corporate Woods. He maintains that facility, along with a cluster of 31 stations, for Northwestern Media. Northwestern Media operates 125 stations, primarily in the Midwest.

The chapter provided a BBQ lunch.

Submitted by Dave Buell, CEV
Secretary Pro Tem