

Society of Broadcast Engineers, Chapter 59

Minutes of the June 11, 2025, Meeting

On June 11, 2025, SBE Chapter 59 met at Chili's Restaurant, 7001 W 119th St., Overland Park, Kansas. Karl Lind, Chapter Co-Vice Chair, presided over the gathering of 7 members.

The meeting began at 12:38 p.m. Dave Buell, Secretary Pro Tem, read the May meeting minutes. Kirk Chestnut proposed and John Gray seconded a motion accepting them, which was unanimously approved.

Chriss Scherer, Treasurer Pro Tem, presented May's financial report. Ben Weiss proposed and John Gray seconded a motion to accept the report, which was also approved by acclamation.

EAS Coordinator Kirk Chestnut had no significant updates but reminded everyone that the FCC website has an open comment window on EAS virtualization.

Programs Committee Chair John Gray said that no programs are finalized for upcoming meetings, but he is working on something for September. There was a group discussion about future meetings with area station managers and about a chapter barbecue or picnic in August.

Chriss Scherer provided updates from National. A grace period for membership renewals closes at the end of June. There are three upcoming webinars: "Modern AV: Creating More with Less" on June 12, "ATSC 3.0 Update 2025" on June 26, and "Designing for High Availability—From Physical to Virtualized Network Functions" on July 31. The next certification exam window is August 1–11, 2025, with an application deadline of June 14. For more info about any of these items, visit sbe.org.

The idea of offering SBE memberships to area general managers was revisited. With raising awareness of SBE to station management as the ultimate goal, a newsletter subscription was promoted as one approach. But it was pointed out that there is no current way at National to provide newsletters outside of full memberships. Chriss Scherer offered to explore a policy change with National. With such a change, there was a sense the chapter could fund this initiative for about \$200 per year.

Chriss Scherer then presented Ben Weiss with a clock to commemorate his 36 years of faithful service as secretary/treasurer to SBE Chapter 59.

Relatedly, Kirk Chestnut nominated Chriss Scherer for chapter treasurer, and John Gray nominated Dave Buell for chapter secretary. Both were elected by a show of hands.

Kirk Chestnut proposed a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ben Weiss. The motion passed by acclamation at 1:04 p.m.

There was no formal program, but attendees enjoyed a lively discussion about various engineering topics.

Additionally, Kirk Chestnut brought and introduced a small, inexpensive repeater used as part of an open-source, off-grid, decentralized, mesh network (think being able to send and receive text messages without the need of a functioning cellular network); see: meshtastic.org.

Submitted by Dave Buell, CEV
Secretary