

SBE Chapter 24 Monthly Meeting
July 25, 2024

Chairperson Russ Awe called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at the UW-Madison Memorial Union.

Secretary's report

The May 23 minutes were approved as posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report

Derek Murphy reports that there has been no activity since our last meeting. The chapter's checking account balance stands at \$5,088.66.

Program Committee

Matt Mommaerts was not present. Russ Awe reminds us that our next meeting will be August 28 at WKOW-TV for a tech tour of their new IP truck. The program for September is at the Midwest Regional Broadcasters Clinic.

National Report

Russ Awe encourages members to vote in the SBE annual elections, running July 8 through August 7. Most SBE members will receive their ballots by email. Those without a valid email address on file or who opted out of online voting will receive a paper ballot.

The annual membership renewal for members were due on April 1. The SBE dues grace period ended on July 1, and all unpaid members' benefits have been removed. Renew your membership at online@sbe.org.

Membership Report

Russ reports that our membership was affected by the end of the SBE's grace period. We have 34 Members, 19 of whom are certified.

Russ shared a note from Eric Schwierske for the officer nominations committee. Eric reports that voting in the 2024 officer elections ends at midnight tonight. If you haven't voted for your local chapter officers, please do so. Watch for the official election results via the chapter email list. Contact Eric Schwierske if you have any questions about the election process.

We're voting on Chapter Chair (Russ Awe), Vice Chair (Jim Hermanson), and Treasurer (Derek Murphy.) We are still seeking a candidate for chapter secretary.

Certification and Education

Jim Hermanson reports that November 1 – 11 is the next local exam session. Jim gives exams at the UW-Madison Memorial Union and other "very cool places." like this. If you're interested in taking a local exam, register with the national office by September 6.

After that, the next session will be in 2025.

Jim mentioned a few SBE webinars coming in August. On August 15 at 1 pm, there is a webinar on "Spectrum Analyzer and VNA (Vector Network Analyzer) Usage." On August 22 at 1 pm, there is a program called "Indoor Production Lighting for Broadcast Engineers- Part 2." Part One was today.

Frequency Coordination

Gary Trendera was not present.

Old Business

The chapter is still looking for a secretary.

New Business

Russ welcomed new Chapter 24 member Andy LaValley.

Andy was asked to tell us about his background and shared the following: He is a broadcast audio engineer at PBS Wisconsin.

For the past 20 years, Andy has been doing live sound and studio recording. Recently, he took a leap of faith into broadcast audio. Andy says that his new job has been incredibly complicated and rewarding at the same time.

Andy raved about the depth of information taught and how much he learned the SBE Ennes Workshop at NAB 2024.

In other new business, last month Chapter 24 received our rebate check from the national SBE. If a chapter holds at least five chapter meetings during the year, SBE.org refunds a portion of the member dues. We need to decide how to move forward with the rebate check. In the past, we have returned the rebate to national to support the Ennes Educational Foundation, which offers grants and scholarships. We could also deposit the rebate in the chapter's checking account or consider other ideas members suggest.

Russ made a motion to send the check back to the SBE for the Ennes Workshops. The motion passed.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

For the program, Bob Lewis of DeTect, Inc. presented on a tower light switch that can sense aircraft and power on tower lights accordingly, to protect wildlife and prevent light pollution.

Attendance

Russ Awe
Ross Cooper
James Hermanson
Vicki Kipp
Mark Kuether
Andrew LaValley
Bob Lewis (presenter)
Tricia Lewis (Bob's wife)
Derek Murphey
Mike Norton
Veronica Plum
Tyler Woodward