

**SBE Chapter 24 Monthly Meeting
August 28, 2024
WKOW-TV Madison**

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm.

Chair Notes:

Chapter 24 Chairperson Russ Awe welcomed everyone. Russ thanked Jeff Fass, Chief Engineer of WKOW and Nick Mathis, Engineer, for hosting our chapter and showing us around.

Secretary's report:

There was a motion to approve the July 25th meeting minutes, as posted on the website. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report:

Derek Murphy reports that there were no deposits or debits since the last meeting. The Chapter's checking account balance stands at \$5888.66.

Per the approved motion in July, Chapter 24 returned the SBE National rebate check as donation to the Ennes Foundation Trust.

Program Committee:

Next month, our meeting will be held in conjunction with the Midwest Regional Broadcasters Clinic at the Madison Marriott West. The meeting title is "Nuts and Bolts."

We're looking for a meeting topic for Wednesday October 23. Jim Hermanson suggested a field trip to travel to WTMJ Radio in Milwaukee. Jim will check if this date works for WTMJ.

National Report

Russ Awe reports that the SBE National Meeting is heading to Madison. The SBE National Membership meeting will be held on Sept. 11 as part of the Midwest Regional Broadcasters Clinic.

At the SBE National meeting, reelected and newly elected officers and directors will be sworn in.

If you would like to attend the Awards Dinner, pre registration is required. Tickets are available at SBE.org.

Membership Report

Russ Awe reports that the chapter now has 34 Members, 19 of whom are Certified.

Nominations Committee for Chapter Officers

Eric Schwierske Nominations Committee Chair could not attend but forwarded this message.

"Elections Update:

A big THANK YOU to everyone who voted in this year's officer elections. Results are as follows:

Chapter Chair: Russ Awe
Chapter Vice-Chair: Jim Hermanson
Secretary: vacant
Treasurer: Derek Murphey

Official results have been certified and mailed to the national office."

Russ Awe reminds us that we are still looking for someone to fill the role of secretary. If you are willing to help the chapter, please let Eric Schwierske or Russ know.

The next officer elections will be conducted in spring of 2025.

Certification and Education – Jim Hermanson

The next local exam certification exam window is November 1-11, 2024. If you'd like to take an exam, the deadline to send your application to the national office is September 6th.

In Education News, we have two upcoming live webinars in September. September 19th at 1 PM Central Time, is "The Broadcast Blueprint: Advanced Tactics for Cloud-Based Large Data Transfer." On September 26th at 1 PM Central Time, is "Indoor Production Lighting for Broadcast Engineers – Part 3."

Jim reminds us that each SBE webinar watched is good for one SBE recertification credit.

Frequency Coordination – Gary Trendera

Gary Trendera reports that there have been several recent events that required frequency coordination. A NCAA track and field event and a golf event both requested 450 / 455 MHz pairs.

Gary received training for 2 GHz frequency coordination.

The SBE and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) share some frequencies. In our area, NTIA refers to military bases. For us, that's Fort McCoy. Gary is now set up to coordinate those frequencies. The military uses 2 GHz frequencies mainly for drones.

Gary encourages all station engineers to keep an eye on that shared spectrum spreadsheet that he sent out previously. Station engineers should verify that all of their 450 / 455 MHz pairs and 2 GHz frequencies in use are listed on that spreadsheet. Gary's role is to protect local stations' licensed frequencies when he is assigning frequencies temporarily for special events.

Old Business

The chapter is still looking for a secretary.

New Business

SBE Chapter 24 will have a booth at the Midwest Broadcasters Clinic. Russ sends out a special thanks to Kevin Ruppert and Kevin Peckham for supplying their vintage gear and hosting the booth.

Adjourn

Jim Hermanson made a motion to adjourn. Matt Mommaerts seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.