

SBE Chapter 24 Monthly Meeting

May 23, 2024

Chairperson Russ Awe called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm at the Educational Communications Board (ECB).

Secretary's report

The March 28 minutes were approved as posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report

Derek Murphy reports that we had one expense since our last meeting. The chapter sent a check for \$250.00 to the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association for the Dan Borchert Broadcasters Clinic Fellowship. The chapter's checking account balance is \$5,088.66.

Russ reminds us that the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association encourages engineers to apply for that Fellowship.

Program Committee

Matt Mommaerts was not present. Vicki Kipp reports that there is not a program planned for the June meeting. The program for July is "Aircraft Detection Lighting Systems" by Bob Lewis of DeTect.

National Report

The SBE announced that they released broadcast self-inspection guides for FM and TV stations. An AM radio guide is underway.

The SBE and the National Association of Broadcasters partnered to produce the guides. They plan for to cover all broadcast services. The guides support stations and Alternative Broadcast Inspection Programs (ABIP.) They cover compliance with FCC rules and regulations. The guides are free to SBE members. The SBE guides are available for download under the Legislative / Regulatory and the Resources tab.

<https://sbe.org/legislative-advocacy/sbe-self-inspection-guides/>

The SBE is conducting a member compensation survey. Please complete the confidential survey online. The report release will be released in July and are available to SBE members for free.

<https://sbe.org/ninth-sbe-compensation-survey/>

Membership Report

Russ Awe reports that we have 40 Members, 22 of whom are certified.

We've added a member. Welcome to Andrew LaValley. Andy is Russ's co-worker at PBS Wisconsin. We now have 41 members, 22 of whom are certified.

Certification and Education

Jim Hermanson congratulated Christian Hoyer of WMTV on passing his CBTE exam in February. Jim also congratulated Paul Cargill, who is with WHA/WERN. Paul is a CBRE and he passed his CBTE exam in April. This brings our chapter to 24 certified members.

The next local exam session is August 2 -- 12. The application deadline is June 14.

For education news, Jim reports that the SBE has a webinar called "RF Multipath- Part 2" on June 13 at 1 pm. John Kean and Gary Cavell of Cavell Mertz & Associates, Inc./Capitol Airspace Group are doing that webinar.

Frequency Coordination

Gary Trenda was not present.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Russ asked for input on cancelling the June meeting since no program is planned. A motion to cancel the June 2024 meeting was approved.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

For the program, Ben Marth of Broadcast Electronics presented "Generating Revenue Through RDS" and "Utility Savings with MDCL (Modulation Dependent Carrier Level)." Perry Priestly of Broadcast Electronics discussed the "ATSC 3.0 Broadcast Positioning System (BPS)" and "5G for ATSC 3.0 Broadcast."

Attendance

Peter Allen
Russ Awe
Leonard Charles
Ross Cooper
ML "Pete" Deets
Bob Dischler
James Hermanson
Vicki Kipp
Ben Marth (presenter, Broadcast Electronics- SBE Sustaining Member)
Jeffrey Mattox (guest)
Phil Langston
Derek Murphey
Mike Norton
Perry Priestly (presenter, Chapter 46, Broadcast Electronics- SBE Sustaining Member)
Al Ritchie
Kevin Ruppert
John Salzwedel
Stan Sarch
Tom Weeden