

SBE Chapter 24 Monthly Meeting
October 23, 2024

SBE Chapter 24 met at Good Karma Broadcasting (GKB) for a WTMJ / WKTI / 107.1 The Truth Radio Studio Tour in the 3rd Street Market Hall.

We met in GKB's "Social Bleachers" area, which featured a piece of the Milwaukee Bucks basketball court on display.

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm.

Chair Notes: Russ Awe / Jim Hermanson

Chapter 24 Vice Chairperson Jim Hermanson filled in for Chapter 24 Chairperson Russ Awe. Vice Chair Hermanson welcomed everyone. Jim thanked Scott Pfeifer, Chief Engineer of WTMJ/ WKTI/ 107.1 The Truth for hosting our chapter and showing us around.

Secretary's report: Vicki Kipp

A motion to approve the August 28th meeting minutes, as posted on the website was made by Clif Groth and Roy Henn. The motion passed.

A motion to approve the September 10th meeting minutes, as posted on the website was made by Vicki Kipp and Todd Hausser. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Derek Murphy

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

Derek is aware that a check will be coming his way as reimbursement for filing the Domestic Non-Stock Corporation Annual Report with the State of Wisconsin. The amount was \$25 for this filing.

Program Committee: Matt Mommaerts

We're looking for a meeting topic for our next meeting on November 21.

National Report – Russ Awe / Jim Hermanson

The SBE held its National Meeting in Madison, WI, September 10 and 11. The event was held in conjunction during the Midwest Regional Broadcasters Clinic, which was jointly produced by the Wisconsin and Minnesota state broadcast associations.

Among the news from the National Meeting: The **AM version of the SBE Broadcast Station Self-Inspection Guides** was released. It is available free to SBE members.

Membership Report – Russ Awe / Jim Hermanson

The chapter now has 37 Members. That is up three more members from last month! Twenty are Certified.

Certification and Education – Jim Hermanson

The next local exam certification exam window is February 7-17, 2025. If you'd like to take an exam, the deadline to send your application to the national office is January 3rd, 2025.

In Education News, we have three upcoming live webinars. On October 24, 2024, is “Using Network Analyzers in MoM Proofs.” MoM is Method-of-Moments. On November 14, 2024 at 1 PM Central Time, is “Introduction to Linux for Online Broadcasters.” On November 21st at 1 PM Central Time, is “Indoor Production Lighting for Broadcast Engineers – Part 4.”

Jim reports that these Webinars are \$62 each, and free for SBE MemberPlus members and reminds us that each SBE webinar watched is good for one SBE recertification credit.

Frequency Coordination – Gary Trenda

No update.

Old Business - Russ Awe / Jim Hermanson

The chapter is still looking for a secretary.

Chuck reminds us that we are still looking for someone to take over the existing HTML website or to develop and maintain a new Chapter website.

New Business- Russ Awe / Jim Hermanson

None.

Adjourn

A motion to Adjourn was made by Todd Hausser and Roy Henn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.

We began our tour with a special revival of WTMJ host Jonathan Green, host of The Greenhouse, playing the infamous “Armed Forces Network’s (AFN) Frankenstein Castle Prank.”

The chilling “Frankenstein’s Castle” radio segment is legendary. It’s a recording of a prank that occurred in 1952, live on the Armed Forces Radio Network air.

An unsuspecting news reporter is subjected to a terrifying prank inside the completely dark castle that inspired Mary Shelley to write *Frankenstein*. The crew locks the reporter in the castle and pranks him while he reports on a live microphone. The terror in his voice is real.

Green played this clip on WTMJ every year as a Halloween tradition. He would not give out copies of the clip, no matter how many times people asked. Instead, he told people they would have to tune in the following year.

Chief Engineer Scott Pfeifer took us on a fascinating tour of the Good Karma Broadcasting (GKB) studios. We also heard about Good Karma’s ESPN station WTLX in Monona, 100.5 FM.

On the way home, some of us stopped at the Pine Cone in Johnson Creek.