

Meeting Notice

Thursday, March 14, AMC Studio 30

12075 South Strang Line Road, Olathe, KS, (913) 393-3030

Meeting at 12:00 noon. See description for lunch arrangements.



Behind the scenes technical tour of the AMC Theater complex. Scott Stipsits, managing director of the AMC Studio 30, has agreed to be our host for a behind the scenes tour of this multiscreen movie complex. The technology at a cinema is more than just a projector. We'll see the complete chain from the pre-show countdown to the closing credits, including a tour of the audio system. Chapter officer elections will also be held before the program. Meet at the front entrance.

Lunch: Because of the unique meeting location, lunch will not be a part of the meeting proceedings. We will meet at the Steak n' Shake at 12209 Strang Line Road at 11:00am for an informal lunch. We are expected at the theater at exactly 12:00 so please be on time. >

Certification Dates		
Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
April 24	NAB	March 12
June 8-18	Local Chapter	April 27
August 17-27	Local Chapter	June 16
November 9-19	Local Chapter	September 29

Last Month's Meeting

The ice storm that passed through the Kansas City metro on the last days of January caused problems for everyone. We discussed how some stations dealt with the less-than-ideal situations to stay on the air.

Nominations were opened for chapter officers for the elections to be held at the March meeting. The following nominations were made:

- Chairman Kirk Chestnut
Entercom
- Vice Chairman Chris Castro
KSHB-TV41
- Joel Cogan
City of Kansas City, MO
- Secretary/Treasurer Ben Weiss
Infinity

Any SBE member in good standing is eligible to serve as a chapter officer. Additional nominations will be accepted at the meeting. Officer terms are one year. The chapter's continued success and growth depends on your ideas and input as to its leadership.

Spring Cleaning Call

Clear some of that extra equipment. Send your list of surplus to sbe59@broadcast.net for the April newsletter.

FCC Amends EAS, Includes Amber Info

The Federal Communications Commission has adopted a Report and Order amending the Emergency Alert System (EAS) rules. The Commission adopted several new EAS event and location codes (FIPS codes), including a new Child Abduction Emergency event code which may be used to activate Amber Plans. Read more at http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-220252A1.doc.

Broadcast Engineer Relief Fund Update

The Broadcast Engineer Relief Fund to benefit families of the six broadcast engineers lost at the World Trade Center on September 11 has received a great response. Initiated by the Society of Broadcast Engineers and the Ennes Educational Foundation Trust on September 13, the Fund has received more than \$247,000 as of February 4. The SBE has dispensed funds to the families as the fund has received donations. The first checks were sent last October, and as of February 4 each family has received \$41,000 in unrestricted grants. Every dollar contributed to the Broadcast Engineer Relief Fund goes to the six families. SBE and the Ennes Trust are absorbing any expenses related to the fund.

As the financial loss for many of these families is very large, the SBE continues to accept tax-deductible contributions. Make checks payable to "Ennes Educational Foundation Trust" and include "Relief Fund" on the memo line. Send them to the Society of Broadcast Engineers, 9247 N. Meridian Street, Suite 305, Indianapolis, IN 46260. The Ennes Trust is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization as designated by the IRS. Its EIN is 35-1506445.

For more information about the Broadcast Engineer Relief Fund, call John L. Poray, CAE, executive director, Society of Broadcast Engineers at (317) 846-9000 or you can e-mail him at jporay@sbe.org.

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National Awards Program Begins

Each year, the SBE holds its annual awards program to honor individuals and chapters for their achievements through and for the SBE. Nominations for the 2001 awards are now being accepted. The nomination form will be available on the SBE website (www.sbe.org). A copy will also be in the next issue of the *SBE Signal*. Recognition by one's peers is the highest honor, so support your colleagues and nominate someone today.

Why Aren't You a Member of SBE?

By Chriss Scherer, chapter chairman

This newsletter is sent to about 100 people each month to provide information about chapter 59 and the SBE. Recipients include members of chapter 59, its newsletter sponsors and quite a few guests. Last month, I sent a letter to many newsletter recipients who are not currently SBE members asking them to consider joining the Society of Broadcast Engineers. If you were one of those recipients, I hope to see your name on the chapter roster soon.

While membership is not required to attend SBE meetings and learn from the programs and presentations we arrange, your support of the Society and our chapter is greatly appreciated.

In addition, the SBE will kick off its 2002 Membership Drive this month. Like in past year's Drives, there are prizes being offered to any recruiting a new member. This year's prizes are better than ever and include a trip to the upcoming national meeting in Phoenix, TVs, a DVD player, a Freepower Radio, books, and more. Look for details in the next issue of the *SBE Signal* or on the SBE website.

Every recruiter also receives \$5.00 off his membership dues for the following year for each new member he recruits, so even if you don't win one of the major prizes, there is still something to gain.

Take a moment and consider SBE membership for yourself or someone on your staff. Support your career and support our industry.

SBE Leader Skills Seminars Set for 2002

SBE will once again present the Leader Skills Seminars for Broadcast Engineers with seminar leader Richard Cupka. The three-day Course One will be held at the Marten House Hotel and Conference Center in Indianapolis on June 5-7, 2002. The seminar is open to anyone interested in learning the skills necessary for managing the

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broadcast engineer function at a station or similar facility. The seminar is appropriate for both current and aspiring managers. The follow-up Course II seminar will be held August 7-9, also at the Marten House in Indianapolis. Participants for Course II must have completed Course I or any of the previously held five-day Leader Skill Seminars. A minimum of ten and maximum of 18 participants insures a quality program with plenty of individual attention. Cupka has led the Leader Skills Seminar for Broadcast Engineers for more than 30 years. More than 1,000 graduates can be found at stations, networks and cable facilities across the country.

To register, call the SBE National Office or watch for more information and a registration form in the December issue of the *SBE Signal*.

SBE Releases Updated Education Tools

Orders are now being taken for the new 5th edition of the *SBE Television Operator's Certification Handbook*, by Fred Baumgartner, CPBE, and Doug Garlinger, CPBE CBNT. Also, updated SBE Practice Test computer discs, used to prepare for the SBE Certification Exams are now available. To order either item, call the SBE National Office at (317) 846-9000 or e-mail Linda Godby at lgodby@sbe.org.

SBE Active in Broadcast Engineering Conference

For the eighth straight year, SBE will partner with NAB to produce the NAB Broadcast Engineering Conference, held as a part of the NAB Spring Convention in Las Vegas.

A special workshop will be presented on Saturday by the Ennes Educational Foundation Trust on broadcast networking technology. Attendees may elect to take an optional exam to earn the Certified Broadcast Networking Technologist certification (CBNT) following the workshop.

Seven members of the ten-member conference planning committee are SBE members. They include Milford Smith, who serves as committee chairman, SBE President Troy Pennington, CPBE, former SBE national officer Tom Weber, CPBE CBNT, Andy Laird, CPBE, Jeff Littlejohn, CBRE, Ted Teffner and Lewis Zager. Representing the Ennes Workshops is SBE Board member, Jerry Whitaker, CPBE.

For information about registration, go to the NAB web site at www.nab.org/conventions. SBE Members save \$230 off the NAB non-member rate. You can also register for an NAB exhibits-only admission by using the code "JF08" (the third character is a zero) at www.nab.org. To pre-register for the CBNT exam, contact SBE by sending an e-mail to Linda Godby at lgodby@sbe.org. >



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Upcoming Meetings

SBE Chapter 59 meetings are usually the second Thursday of each month.

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