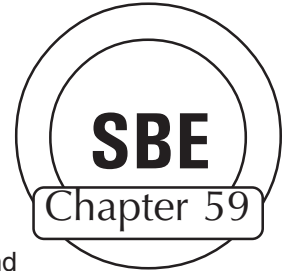


**Meeting Notice****Thursday, March 13, *Susquehana Radio***

5800 Foxridge, Mission, KS, (913) 514-3000

Gather at 11:45 a.m.; lunch at 12 noon

*Engineers Appreciation Lunch.* John Sims and Chris Kreger of RF Specialties are providing a home-made barbecue lunch. The brisket, turkey breast and spare ribs will be slow-smoked over native Missouri hickory and fruit woods and will include slaw, beans, corn casserole, bread and drinks. RF Specialties will also provide drawings for door prizes and logo wear from several of the manufacturers that RF Specialties represents.



Part of the business meeting will include nominations for chapter officers for the April election. A short program with an update on digital radio will follow. RF Specialties will display a Broadcast Electronics IBOC generator and exciter.

To help RF Specialties plan for the event, please call 816-628-5959 or 800-467-7373 and tell John or Chris that you plan to attend. ☺

Certification Dates		
Exam Date	Location	App. Deadline
June 6-16	Local Chapter	April 25
August 15-25	Local Chapter	June 13
November 7-17	Local Chapter	September 26

**Last Month's Meeting**

We met at Schmack Daddy's Sports Bar for lunch and our business meeting.

Our program was a Facility tour and operational overview of Everest Connections. The company provides cable television, Internet access and local telephone service to a customer base in Johnson County and the bordering areas of Missouri. Our tour included an explanation of the duties of the people and function of the equipment housed at the facility, including the Network Operations Center (NOC) and headend/central office.

**Chairman's Chat**

By Kirk Chestnut, CSRE

**Annual Chapter Elections**

Every time we go through the process of electing new officers for SBE59 I get a tickle. I'd say it's almost as bad as a Chestnut family reunion. "OK everyone not interested in being reunion president please take one step backward. The last one to step back is in charge for the next year." All right, it's not really that bad.

Every year about this time we begin the nomination process to elect new officers, with elections held during the April business meeting. If you're like me two thoughts go through your head: "If I get nominated for an office how

much work am I adding to an already full schedule?" and "What exactly does the chairman, vice chairman, treasurer or secretary do?"

Now that I've served one term as vice chairman and one as chairman, let me put your fears to rest. What follows is a guide to the expectations of each officer. Each voted office is listed with an approximation of the associated time commitment. This is a relative figure because each person chooses just how aggressive he wants to be. The following descriptions were provided by Chriss Scherer based on SBE National Standards.

**Chairman**

**Time Commitment:** Five to 10 hours per month, including meeting time. The elected chairman serves as an officer of the chapter. He or she:

1. Must maintain status as a voting member in good standing;
2. Presides over all chapter meetings, casting a vote only in the event of a tie;
3. Appoints, subject to chapter member confirmation, the committee chairmen; Possible committees include Nominations, Membership, Finance, Certification, Frequency Coordination, Newsletter, Website, Member Services;
4. Determines the continuation of any committees, other than standing committees, that may exist at the time of his election, and if so, appoints, subject to the membership confirmation, committee chairmen for them.
5. Creates other committees as deemed necessary and appoints committee chairmen for them, subject to confirmation by the chapter members.
6. Upon resolution by the elected officers, will serve as one of the designated officers to sign checks. This may be done by use of a facsimile stamp.
7. Serves as the official spokesperson of the chapter to the media and the public.

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### EAS Required Monthly Test March 25

The EAS RMT is sent on the  
 last Tuesday of the month.

8. Serves as the official representative of the chapter in relationships with other engineering societies and professional organizations.
9. Provides information for the chapter newsletter to supplement the meeting report and other information the newsletter editor may include.

#### Vice Chairman

Time Commitment: Three to five hours per month, including meeting time.

The elected vice chairman serves as an officer in the chapter. He or she:

1. Must maintain status as a voting member in good standing;
2. Performs all duties as chapter chairman in the absence or incapacity of the elected chairman;
3. Performs assigned executive and committee duties at the direction of the elected chairman;
4. Assists the chairman as required.

#### Secretary

Time Commitment: Five to eight hours per month, including meeting time.

The elected secretary serves as an officer in the chapter. He or she:

1. Must maintain status as a voting member in good standing;
2. Is responsible for all records and books of account of the chapter;
3. Shall record the minutes of all meetings of the chapter and any executive committee meetings;
4. Distribute copies of minutes of all meetings of the chapter and make summaries available upon request to chapter members, and provide copies to the SBE National Office in a timely manner after each meeting;
5. Conducts the official correspondence of the chapter;
6. Shall maintain official meeting and membership records of the chapter and make them available at reasonable times for inspection by chapter members in good standing;
7. Upon notification by the chairman, notify chapter members of the results of the annual election of officers.

#### Treasurer

Time Commitment: Five to eight hours per month including meetings, including meeting time.

The elected treasurer serves as an officer of the chapter. He or she:

1. Must maintain status as a voting member in good standing;
2. Is responsible for establishing all financial accounts for the chapter as authorized by the chapter membership;
3. Supervises all accounts and moneys of the chapter under the direction of the chapter membership;
4. Has charge of all funds of the chapter;
5. Upon resolution by the elected officers, will serve as one of the designated officers to sign checks. This may be done by use of a facsimile;
6. Is responsible for the prompt collection of dues from the newsletter sponsors;
7. Is responsible for the distribution of a financial report to the chapter members;
8. Is responsible to see that an independent audit is performed at least every two years and at the time a new treasurer takes office.

Ben Weiss has done a fine job for SBE59 for several years as secretary/treasurer. He has not been required to work the combined 10 to 16 hours as listed above doing both jobs. This past year has been a growing experience for me and I certainly would step up to the plate if asked to be chairman again, but I willingly welcome a fresh mind and hands to steer SBE59 for the next year.

**Kansas AMBER Alert Test Event Code**

When Kansas issues an AMBER Alert test through EAS, it uses the ADM (administrative message) code and not the CAE (child abduction emergency) code. The reason for this was provided by Bill Nolan of the Kansas Association of Broadcasters:

"We are currently not sending a CAE code, and do not plan to until late this year. My estimates are that only about 15% of the stations are currently able to receive the CAE code statewide. Originating the CAE code *and* the ADM code would require sending two tests back to back. We want to avoid this until participation [with] the CAE code is substantially higher."

This should not be interpreted as an excuse for not adding the CAE code to a station's EAS unit.

**SBE Dues Notices Mailed**

Current members should have received their renewal notices in February. Renewals are due April 1. Please renew on time so the chapter can receive full credit for members assigned to our chapter.

**Radio Operators Handbook Pre-pub Offer**

Through March 31, SBE members can receive a special discount when ordering the new SBE *Handbook for Radio Operators*. Use the order form in *The SBE Signal*. ☺



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**Upcoming Meetings**

Mark the following dates on your calendar so you don't miss an upcoming meeting:

March 13

*RF Specialties Barbecue, Susquehana Radio*

April 10

*Windows Tips and Tricks*

May 1

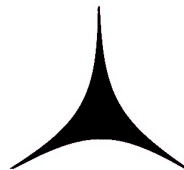
*Euphonix Max Air Tour, KSMO-TV*

May 8

*IBOC for Medium Wave, Broadcast Richardson*

June 12

*Richland Tower Tour*



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