

SBE Chapter 24 Monthly Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2023

Chairperson Russ Awe called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm and welcomed members.

**Secretary's Report** – Russ Awe

We do not have a secretary's report this month. Add your name, SBE number, and Certified or not to the chat.

**Treasurer's Report** -- Derek Murphy.

**Program Committee** -- Matt Mommaerts

Russ reports that our Holiday Dinner is Wednesday December 13, at the Green Lantern. We met there last year. Russ will send out an RSVP as we get closer to the date. Please RSVP so we can give that number to the restaurant for staffing. Five o'clock drinks and happy hour and six o'clock dinner.

Our next business meeting is tentatively on Thursday, January 18, 2024. Eric Shoffner from Infinite Electronics will discuss mitigating lightning. Russ predicts that the topic will be electrifying.

**National Report** – Russ Awe

The SBE Mentor Program is designed to help broadcast engineers who are new to the field. The program partners a new engineer with a more-seasoned professional. This allows the more-experienced person to share his or her gained knowledge, both empirical and practical, with someone new to the field. The SBE Mentor Program provides a means for SBE members to share knowledge and experience. Want to share your knowledge, but don't want to be a regular mentor? Be a Subject Matter Expert. Lend your knowledge and experience in specific areas when the need arises. Contact SBE Education Director Cathy Orosz for more information. <https://sbe.org/education/sbe-mentor-program/> corosz@sbe.org

**Membership Report** -- Russ Awe

We have 39 members and 21 are certified.

**Certification Report** -- Jim Hermanson

**Frequency Coordination** -- Gary Trenda

Gary notes that he had six requests for frequency coordination related to Badger Football games. The most common frequencies being coordinated are 450/455-megahertz pairs. Gary encouraged station engineers to update again with any 450/455 pairs in use so you can ensure they're protected.

**Old Business** -- Russ Awe

Form 5 has been filed with the State of Wisconsin for SBE Chapter 24 under the Domestic Nonstock or Limited Liability Company. Russ has requested a \$25 reimbursement for this filing with Derek from Chapter funds.

Russ recently form filled out form 5 with the State of Wisconsin for Chapter 24 under the domestic nonstock Limited Liability Company. Russ has requested that \$25 reimbursement be made for filing with the states. We filed with the State as a nonprofit.

## **New Business -- Russ Awe**

Thanks to Kevin Ruppert for hosting the SBE booth at Broadcasters Clinic and supplying legacy equipment.

Thanks to Vicki Kipp for arranging for a school bus ride from the Broadcasters Clinic to ETC, and a fantastic tour of ETC.

Eric Schwierske researched two web hosting options for the Chapter 24 website. Option 1: WordPress \$100 Per Year. Plus, \$20/year to manage our domain. Option 2: Squarespace for about \$200 a year. More template based and provides a "flashier" web page. There wasn't a strong preference expressed for either option. It was acknowledged that WordPress is widely used. Stan Scharch asked which hosting option Eric Schwierske prefers. Russ plans to discuss the decision further with the executive committee. Eric Schwierske will be taking over as webmaster. Chuck asked about the timeline.

Mike Travis has resigned from the Chapter and as Vice Chair and Secretary. He will be missed. Mike will be moving in December. We wish Mike all the best.

Vicki Kipp has agreed to become Vice Chair until an election can be held in April.

Russ will take on the Secretary duties until April as well, when a new Secretary can be elected.

## **Proposed addition to SBE Chapter 24 Bylaws -- Russ Awe**

### ARTICLE V (Officers and Duties)

Section 11. A vacancy in an elected office can be filled by either appointment by the Chair or by special election following notification of the members through the meeting notice.

Chuck Charles will post the proposed language on the Chapter 24 website.

Chuck Charles shared a sad announcement. Esteemed Chapter 24 alumni Neal McLean passed away in August. Neal was with the chapter in the late 1980s through the 1990s. He worked in the technical part of the cable TV industry his whole career. In our chapter, he was a liaison between the cable and broadcast worlds. Neal McClain wrote many technical articles for our website, which are still posted under the technical documents section of the website. He was very active until he retired in 2000. After he retired, Neal McClain moved to Texas to be closer to his kids.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.