

## **SBE Chapter 24 Monthly Meeting**

February 21, 2024

Chairperson Russ Awe called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm from a remote production at the Capitol.

### **Secretary's report**

The January 24 minutes were approved as posted on the website.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Derek Murphy was not present.

### **Program Committee**

Matt Mommaerts was not present. Vicki Kipp reports that a meeting program is being developed for March 28, but is not ready to be announced yet.

### **National Report**

Russ Awe reminds us to renew our memberships with National. The fastest way to renew your membership is online at [sbe.org](http://sbe.org). Your membership can also be renewed through the mail, using the renewal form and return envelope mailed to you.

Recruit a New SBE Member in the 2024 SBE Membership Drive. Beginning March 1, you can help your colleagues and associates to enjoy the benefits of membership by recruiting them to join the SBE during the annual SBE Membership Drive. If you recruit a new sustaining member, you'll earn five entries into the prize drawing. Prizes include logo items, books and more from the SBE. The grand prize is airfare and two nights' hotel to attend the SBE National Meeting held this fall. For every new member a recruiter sponsors, he or she will receive \$5 off his or her 2025 dues (up to \$25).

### **Membership Report**

Russ Awe reports that we have 40 Members, 21 of whom are certified.

We've added a member. Welcome to Ross Cooper, who transferred from the Houston SBE Chapter. Ross was the chief engineer of a college radio station there and is the new Engineering Supervisor at WSUM-FM, UW-Madison. Member Kevin Ruppert referred Ross to Chapter 24.

### **Certification and Education**

Jim Hermanson congratulated Tim Trendt of UW-Platteville for being recently recertified.

Jim reports that the next certification exams are April 16, 2024, at the NAB Show Las Vegas, with application deadline March 1, 2024, and June 7-17, 2024, with local chapters, with an application deadline April 26, 2024.

In Education news, we have two Webinars in March. On March 14, 2024, at 1 PM Central Time, "New EAS Firmware: What Did You Get With Your Paid Update?" and on March 21, 2024, at 1 PM Central Time "RF Multipath." A reminder that each Webinar attended is worth one SBE recertification credit.

### **Frequency Coordination**

Gary Trender reports that last week the FCC issued "FCC 24-22" which amended Parts 15 and 74 of the Rules for Wireless Microphones in the TV Bands and other Part 74 Low Power Auxiliary Station (LPAS) frequency bands.

This is the first significant update to these rules in over seven years.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

The SBE has awarded the Wisconsin SBE Chapters the 2023 Best Regional Educational Event for the 2022 WBA Broadcasters Clinic in Madison Wisconsin.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm. The program was "Lightning Basics – Protecting Critical Electrical and Electronic Equipment from Lightning and Other Transient Voltage Surge Events" by Eric Shofner Technical Support Specialist, Transtector Systems / PolyPhaser, at Infinite Electronics.

**Attendance**

Vicki Kipp 15499 Yes

Russ Awe

Tom Weeden 9870 Yes

James Hermanson, 10052 yes

Mike Norton, 14519 yes

Ross Cooper, 28483