



CHAPTER 122

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SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS

*Serving the Public through
Quality Broadcast Engineering*

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Monthly Meeting

Join us for our regular meeting at noon November 9th , 2023

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SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes

- Date 10/12/23
- Start 12:39 PM
- End 12:45 PM
- Number of Attendees: 6 SBE Certified: 2
- Presiding Officer: Bob Flis, President
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting: Bill King, Seconded Melissa Limpose
- Treasurer Report: Mike Orto report on Chapter 122 finances
- EAS Report discussion on NPT test results, all area stations received it and retransmitted.
Sage still has not released new firmware updating Certificate.
- Frequency Report < 1 GHz: Wes Boyd, not present
- Frequency Report > 1 GHz: Bob Flis: nothing to report.
- Certification: nothing to report.
- Old Business: None
- New Business: Chapter officer nominations for 2024 will be conducted at next month's meeting.
- Program Speaker: None
- Motion to Adjourn: Bill King/ Seconded: Mike Orto

Youngstown Area EAS Test Schedule

Both the Ohio AND Western Pennsylvania schedules are posted: WWW.SBE122.US

The 2023 regional information on EAS testing schedules are posted on our website.

From: Broadcasters' Desktop Resource



by Barry Mishkind

11/2/23 – [1.1151](#) – The yearly Regulatory Fees are not optional. Stations must pay the FCC – and on time. **KSLQ-FM, Washington, MO** apparently thought it could do without the fees. The FCC has caught up with them now, after 13 years. The tab of fees, penalties and interest: **\$25,893.90**.

The [Order to Show Cause](#) seeks to revoke the license if the station does not pay up within 60 days.

10/16/23 – [73.2080](#) – The FCC's EEO requirements are specific and detailed. And, when the EB finds stations that have not followed the rules, hefty fines can be seen.

To wit: **Rocking M Media and Melia Communications in Kansas** have received [an NALF for \\$25k](#), for failure to post EEO information on their web site, failure to advertise the fulltime openings properly, and other issues.

10/2/23 – The FCC and Liberty University adopted a [Consent Decree](#) revoking the license of student-run station [WQLU\(FM\)](#) and assessing a civil payment of \$10k

According to the FCC, WQLU acted contrary to their license and were not honest with the Commission – two things that bring big trouble from the FCC.

10/17/23 – Digital Alert Systems has released the Version 5.2 of its DASDEC EAS software, designed to meet the FCC's requirements as of December 12, 2023. This update is free to users of V5.x.

10/17/23 – Inovonics has retired the 531N Modulation Monitor, replacing it with the new, all-digital 541 Modulation Monitor. Over 5000 531Ns were sold over the past 20 years.

Inovonics showed the 541 at NAB and IBC, and is now shipping the new model.

10/17/23 – If you are a fan of Shure SM_7 microphones, you will enjoy the launch of the new SM-7dB XLR dynamic vocal microphone. The SM-7dB features a built-in active preamp that removes the need for inline amplification.

10/11/23 – Inovonics is introducing the new 677 Triple Tuner for AM/FM/NOAA reception and monitoring. Reports after the 2023 NPT indicate the new receiver worked well.

10/4/23 – BE/Elenos has launched The Radio Experience – TREplus, which now will manages data and visual content across every available audio delivery method, including Analog FM – RDS, HD Radio®, DAB, DRM, streaming, mobile apps, and station websites

TREplus offers a scalable solution allowing broadcasters to grow their capabilities as they expand their audience and optimize their operation.

10/3/23 – Gorman-Redlich has released their V2.81.0.1 for their EAS receiver. It is the update to the CAP program ready for the required changes in December. The company will help install the new version for \$150, in any receiver with previous updates already installed.

The Virtual Lunch Gathering!

Each Thursday at 2 PM Eastern, 11 AM Pacific, we get together to discuss topics of interest to broadcasters and learn things.

The meeting is held using Zoom to prevent Zoombombing the URL is not published on the web.

Broadcasters Are Invited, (Go to Barry's site) To Get An Invite.

Recordings of the meetings are usually posted a day or so afterward.

**At this time, they are being posted at Youtube on [theBDRnet channel](#).
(So you can leave the local SBE 122 meeting, and then check into Barry's meeting for the latest info.)**

**Thanks to Barry and the BDR, a great source for the latest news of the industry.
A weekly e-mail report.. and it's FREE**

SBE NEWS

The Society of Broadcast Engineers is completing its work to publish new, updated **Broadcast Station Self-Inspection Guidelines**. The Federal Communications Commission published a series of checklists many years ago, but they have not been updated in decades. The SBE has considered this issue for several years, and will release updated guidelines in early 2024.

Broadcast stations use the Alternative Broadcast Inspection Program to ensure compliance with FCC Rules. The former FCC checklists provided a guide for stations to follow. Since the FCC-published lists have lost their relevance because of rule changes and technology advances, broadcasters have sought a replacement. The SBE has provided the answer.

The SBE Government Relations Committee, chaired by Charles “Ched” Keiler, CPBE, 8-VSB, ATSC3, CBNE, formed a working group of SBE members in April 2022 to develop an updated set of guidelines. That group includes Steve Campbell, Entronics; Jeff Juniet, CBTE, Cox Media Group/WFTV; Jason Ornellas, CBRE, Bonneville International Media; David Ratener, CPBE, CBNT, Salem Media; Tom Ray, CPBE, AMD, DRB, Tom Ray Broadcast Consulting, LLP; and Shane Toven, CPBE, DRB, CBNE, Educational Media Foundation. The SBE also worked with the National Association of Broadcasters and the Federal Communications Commission to develop the Guidelines.

The first Guidelines will cover the major broadcast services: AM, FM, and digital television. The SBE is continuing work on other broadcast services. SBE Government Relations Committee Chair Ched Keiler said, “It’s important that broadcasters, as a self-regulating body, adhere to common codified standards: the FCC Rules and Regulations.

These documents have been developed to assist broadcast station management and engineers in conducting a self-inspection of their station, providing an opportunity for the broadcaster to review and correct any deficiencies associated with the operation of a station without an actual, on-scene visit by the FCC.”

The SBE is committed to improving licensee’s compliance with the broadcast regulations contained within the FCC Rules and Regulations. This is an educational effort that many within the SBE and the broadcast industry support.



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2023 Elected Officers and Committees

President:	Robert Flis	WFMJ TV
Vice President:	Wes Boyd	Retired/ Semi Homeless, and happy !
Treasurer:	Mike Orto	WYSU / Youngstown State Univ.
Secretary :	John Clarke	iHeart Media Youngstown
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1 Ghz and UP	Robert Flis	Under 1 Ghz Wes Boyd
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