

SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS Chapter 122

March 2025 NEWSLETTER

Join us at our next regular meeting at noon March 13, 2025

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Reminder: SBE CH 122 has 9 meetings a year.

We have NO official meetings in July-August and December.

(BUT we still have several of us meet for lunch anyhow.)

March 3/19/25 9:50am IPAWS+OEAS>WNCI

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Youngstown Area EAS Test Schedule 2025

2025 PENNSYLVANIA

EAS NETWORK REQUIRED MONTHLY TEST

MARCH	20 THU 9:15 A.M.	DAY,	EMnet
APRIL	17 THU 12:35 A.M.	NIGHT	EMnet
MAY	15 THU 10:05 A.M.	DAY,	EMnet
JUNE	19 THU 4:30 A.M.	NIGHT	EMnet
JULY	17 THU 10:15 A.M.	DAY,	EMnet
AUGUST	21 THU 12:45 A.M.	NIGHT	EMnet
SEPT	18 THU 10:30 A.M.	DAY,	EMnet
OCTOBER	16 THU 4:40 A.M.	NIGHT	EMnet
NOVEMBER	20 THU 10:45 A.M.	DAY,	EMnet
DECEMBER	18 THU 4:45 A.M.	NIGHT	EMnet

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Emergency Alert System The State of Ohio 2025 RMT Schedule - LP Stations Reference & Transmission Guide

MONTH	DATE	TIME	LINK METHOD > LEAD SP
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April	4/9/25	3:50am	OEAS>WNCI
May	5/14/25	9:50am	IPAWS>WBNS-FM
June	6/11/25	3:50am	COUPLER>WBNS-FM
July	7/9/25	9:50am	IPAWS>WNCI
August	8/13/25	3:50am	OEAS>WNCI
Sept	9/10/25	9:50am	IPAWS+OEAS>WBNS-FM
October	10/8/25	3:50am	RPU>WNCI
November	11/12/25	9:50am	IPAWS+OEAS>WNCI
December	12/10/25	3:50am	OEAS>WBNS-FM

The State Emergency Operations Center originates ALL RMT's at :48 past the hour.

SEOC utilizes SAGE and DAS encoders in a redundant/switchable configuration.

IPAWS – delivery of RMT via IPAWS to all radio/TV/cable operators simultaneously OEAS – delivery of RMT via OEAS PTV fiber/RF network to LP stations statewide RPU – delivery of RMT via RPU link from SEOC to WNCI (SP-1) COUPLER – delivery of RMT via dial-up from SEOC to WBNS-FM (SP-2)

***Contact Greg Savoldi at WNCI: gregsavoldi@iheartmedia.com 614-487-2485**

***Contact Greg Armstrong at WBNS-FM: greg.armstrong@tegnac.com 614-559-1598**

SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes 9/12/24

- Date 2/13/25
- Start 12:40 PM
- End 12:47 PM
- Number of Attendees: 7 SBE Certified: 3
- Presiding Officer: Bob Flis, President
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting: NA
- Treasurer Report: Mike Orto report on Chapter finances
- EAS Report: John Clarke All testing normal, no issues reported. Sage Alerting Systems to cease manufacturing new units, will continue to support and produce firmware updates.
- Frequency Report < 1 GHz: Wes Boyd, nothing to report.
- Frequency Report > 1 GHz: Bob Flis: nothing to report.
- Certification: nothing to report.
- Old Business: None
- New Business: Wes Boyd proposes new meeting location, a committee of one (Wes) will check out "What's Cookin'" restaurant for possible new location, menu choices etc. He will report his findings at next meeting.
- Program Speaker: None
- Motion to Adjourn: Mike Orto / Seconded: Ben Slagle

From: Broadcasters' Desktop Resource



by Barry Mishkind

The BDR Is Celebrating Our 16 th Year Of Dedicated Support For Broadcaster

As always, many great articles to read

1. [One of this weeks great articles](#)
2. **While You Wait for the Engineer**

Written by [Barry Mishkind](#) Posted in [Maintenance Shift](#)

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This Week's Newsletter

- 2/25/25 – Unless you are in Arizona or Hawaii, like it or not, Daylight Saving Time is just around the corner! This year, DST begins on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 2 AM local time (and will run through November 2nd).
- Over the years there are fewer items of legacy gear that need attention relating to the change, but it is worth taking a moment to audit your systems from traffic (the “lost” hour) to remote control scripts.
- 2/19/25 – In an age when GPS can become vulnerable to cyberattacks, the NAB has developed the Broadcast Positioning System (BPS) as a complementary but independent system to GPS, Internet, or cellular connectivity. BPS will leverage the ATSC 3.0 broadcast standard to transmit precise timing signals, ensuring resilience during outages or disruptions.

Contacting the FAA

The number to call for reporting tower beacon and side-light outages: 1-877-487-6867

(Be sure to get the NOTAM number and call and report when the lights are restored!)

Want to check to make sure your NOTAM got into the system? Check out: <https://notams.aim.faa.gov/notamSearch/>

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

Check out this video clip of the new FCC commissioner
www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlr0xyCLYul

Check this article... [While You Wait for the Engineer](#)

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SBE NEWS

With the theme *Expand Your Professional Horizon*, the SBE will launch the 2025 Membership Drive on March 1, 2025, running through May 31, 2025. As with Membership Drives in previous years, SBE members are encouraged to recruit new members, and in doing so, the recruiter could win prizes from the SBE and donated by SBE Sustaining Members. The Grand Prize is a trip to the SBE National Meeting in the fall.

[Complete details of the 2025 Membership Drive](#) are posted on the SBE website.

Traditional SBE Membership

Traditional SBE membership includes bi-monthly issues of *The Signal*, the SBE's print membership newsletter and e-publications including SBE-News, SBE Legislative and Regulatory Alerts and Updates and the SBE Career Advancement Newsletter. Also included are SBE social media outlets, SBE JobsOnline, SBE Compensation Survey results and access to group life insurance, all at no additional cost.

Traditional membership also provides members with discounts for SBE certification, education programs and purchases at the SBE Bookstore. Members located near one of the 117 local SBE Chapters can also participate in their monthly meetings. **The annual membership cost of traditional Regular, Senior and Associate membership is \$105.**

SBE Adds New Certification: CPT Certified Production Technologist

The SBE Program of Certification, adopted in 1975, continues to evolve and grow. While the Core Four (CBT, CBRE/CBTE, CSRE/CSTE, CPBE) levels are the foundation of the program, advances in technology have spurred the need for other relevant skills to be evaluated. Examples of this include the Certified Broadcast Networking Technologist (2001) and Certified Broadcast Networking Engineer (2012), the specialist certifications (8-VSB, AMD, ATSC3 and DRB), and the Certified Audio Engineer and Certified Video Engineer.

February 5, 2025

The annual election of officers and directors to the national SBE Board of Directors will take place this summer. The SBE Nominations Committee seeks qualified candidates who are voting members (Member, Senior, Fellow or the designated representative of an SBE Sustaining Member) in good standing (dues paid). Candidates must hold an engineering level of SBE certification (CBT or higher, or CBNE) and maintain it the entire duration of service on the Board, if elected.

Candidates should have a desire to serve and lead as a member of the board and through service as a national committee chair or member. Members of the Board represent all members, not a specific region or chapter. It is suggested that candidates have previous experience as a leader in his or her local chapter, or other volunteer leadership experience, prior to running for the national SBE Board, but this is not required.

Members of the Board are expected to attend two regularly called meetings each year: in the spring, held during the annual NAB Show, and in the fall, at the annual SBE National Meeting. Other meetings may be called via conference call during the year.

The national SBE board includes 12 directors, four officers and the immediate past president. Directors serve two-year terms and officers serve one-year terms. Six director seats will be contested in 2025 as will all four officer positions. The SBE By-laws limit the number of terms for elected members of the Board.

If interested, contact SBE Nominations Committee Chair Jeff Welton at jwelton@sbe.org or via the SBE National Office at 317-846-9000. A nomination slate will be assembled by the committee by April 1. Other qualified members may be nominated by members no later than June 30.

The election runs from July 14 to Aug. 13. Those elected will be installed at the SBE National Meeting, held this fall.

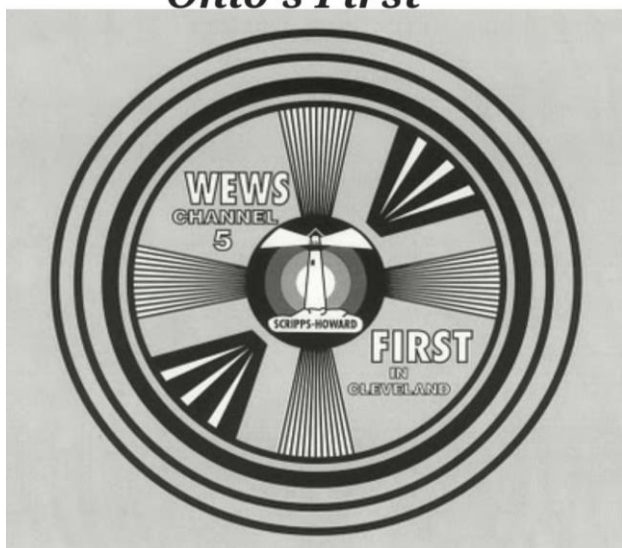


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Don't forget to check out the SBE website. WWW.SBE.ORG

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Ohio's First



SBE 122 Officers and Committees

President:	Robert Flis	Retired: Ex WFMJ TV CE (leave a message, maybe I'll call)
Vice President:	Wes Boyd	Retired/ Semi Homeless, and happy ! (leave a message, but I won't call !)
Treasurer:	Mike Orto	WYSU / Youngstown State Univ.
Secretary	John Clarke	iHeart Media Youngstown
Financial Manager	Melissa Rogers	WYSU 88.5 FM Youngstown State Univ.
Certification	Wes Boyd	
Frequency Co-ordination:		
1 Ghz and UP	Robert Flis	Under 1 Ghz Wes Boyd
Newsletter:	Wes Boyd	