

SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS Chapter 122  
April 2025 NEWSLETTER

**Join us at our next regular meeting at noon May 8, 2025**

## **NEW LOCATION**



**850 E Western Reserve Rd #8, Youngstown, OH 44514  
(330) 758-0544.**

**(680 at Western Reserve, then west about 1000 feet)  
Be prepared to play “Dodge Em” with the Orange Barrels**

**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.)**

## **Youngstown Area EAS Test Schedule 2025**

### **2025 PENNSYLVANIA**

#### **EAS NETWORK REQUIRED MONTHLY TEST**

<b>MAY</b>	<b>15 THU 10:05 A.M. DAY, EMnet</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>19 THU 4:30 A.M. NIGHT EMnet</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>17 THU 10:15 A.M. DAY, EMnet</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>21 THU 12:45 A.M. NIGHT EMnet</b>
<b>SEPT</b>	<b>18 THU 10:30 A.M. DAY, EMnet</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>16 THU 4:40 A.M. NIGHT EMnet</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>20 THU 10:45 A.M. DAY, EMnet</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>18 THU 4:45 A.M. NIGHT EMnet</b>

**Matt Lightner PA EAS SECC**

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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

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@tegna.com 614-559-1598**

## SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes 4/10/25

- Date 4/10/25
- Start 12:35 PM
- End 12:47 PM
- Number of Attendees: 5 SBE Certified: Guest: 1
- Presiding Officer: Bob Flis, President
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting: Wes Boyd, Melissa seconds motion
- Treasurer Report: Mike Orto not present
- EAS Report: John Clarke All testing normal, no issues reported.
- 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: Next month (May) meeting to be at Carmilla's Restaurant again
- Program Speaker: None
- Motion to Adjourn: Melissa Limpose / Seconded: Wes Boyd

# 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. [Troubleshooting 101 – Call the Engineer?](#)  
[~ Barry Mishkind](#)



2. [Registered Plug? No, It's A Jack](#)  
[~ Rolf Taylor](#)



3. [Measuring RF Power – Getting It Right](#)  
[~ Robert C. Tarsio](#)



4. [CES 2025 – Walking The Floor](#)  
[~ Barry Mishkind](#)

## NAL Watch: A Look at FCC Enforcement

**4/24/25 – 73.267 – Another Florida LPFM station was noted at stunning power levels. 52 Watt WZOP-LP was running 514 Watts or 988% of authorized power. [The NOV is seeking an explanation.](#)**

**4/21/25 – 73.267 – Stations over 10 Watts must keep their transmitter power output (TPO) between 90% and 105% of the power authorized by the FCC. For FM's this is in**

**Section 73.268 of the Rules. A Hollywood, Florida LPFM station WZPP-LP licensed to 126 Watts TPO was found, during an inspection, to be running 1022 Watts – just slightly out of the acceptable range – 811%. The FCC is awaiting an explanation from the station.**

**4/17/25 – 73.1350, 73.62 – Stations are expected to operate in accordance with their license. WIAC in San Juan PR, is licensed as a two-tower directional. Something happened. When inspectors checked out the station, it was operating non-directionally, but without a reduction in power nor an STA. A look at the satellite picture indicates there might be some damage (is the tower even standing or is it on the ground?), but the station did not seek an STA to operate on one tower. An NOV was issued, asking the station to explain the situation.**

**3/28/25 – 1.1151 – KIJN in Farwell, TX has received the “D” for not responding to an Order to show cause in December. The station, owned by Unidos Para Christos, Inc. owed \$27k for regulatory fees due since 2013, but has failed to respond to the FCC in any way. The Revocation Order deletes the now DKJIN, but does not relieve the owners of the debt to the FCC**

**4/23/25 – The FCC has published in the Federal Register the inflation-adjusted fees stations much pay to file various applications (non-comm stations are exempt – but translators are not).**

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.

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# ***SBE NEWS***

April 25, 2025

A slate of candidates for the 2025 [SBE election](#) has been assembled. The SBE Nominations Committee, chaired by Jeff Welton, CBRE, provided a list of candidates, and one floor nomination has been received. Additional floor nominations will be accepted until June 27.

The slate of candidates:

## ***Officers:***

President

Kevin Trueblood, CBRE, CBNT  
Ft. Myers, FL

Vice President

Geary Morrill, CPBE, AMD, DRB, CBNE  
Saginaw, MI

Secretary

Shane Toven, CPBE, DRB, CBNE  
(incumbent)  
Antelope, CA

Treasurer

Charles “Ched” Keiler, CPBE, 8-VSB,  
ATSC3, CBNE  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

## ***Directors:***

Terry Douds, CPBE; Lancaster, OH  
(incumbent)

Kirk Harnack, CBNE; Nashville, TN  
Brad Humphries, CBT; Charlotte, NC  
(incumbent)

Zhulieta Ibisheva, CBTE; Washington, DC  
(incumbent)

Josh Lynch, CBTE; Milton, DE  
John Mackey, CPBE, 8-VSB, DRB, CBNE;  
Beaverton, OR

David Ratener, CPBE, CBNT; Kent, WA  
(incumbent)

Davit Robakidze, CBTE; Tbilisi, Georgia  
Dustin Tatro, CBRE; Abilene, TX  
Jeff Welton, CBRE; East Chester, NS  
(incumbent)

As per the [SBE by-laws](#), the proposed slate of officers and directors will be sent to all chapter chairs not less than 60 days prior to the election date (August 13), with a request for additional nominations. All candidates for officer or director, whether proposed by the Nominations Committee or nominated by a voting member, shall meet the candidacy requirements no later than 45 days prior to the election date.

To be eligible, the individual must be a member in good standing and hold an SBE engineering-level certification throughout the election and elected term. Any voting member in good standing, by letter to the SBE secretary, not less than 45 days prior to the election date, may propose and nominate a candidate, and the name of any eligible candidate so proposed by ten members or more shall be entered on the ballot.

The Society of Broadcast Engineers has released the latest addition to the Broadcast Station Self-Inspection Guides. The new document covers low-power FM (LPFM) stations. The SBE released the AM, FM and TV Guides in 2024. The SBE partnered with the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) to produce the Guides. These Guides are designed to aid stations and Alternative Broadcast Inspection Program (ABIP) inspectors in evaluating a broadcast station's compliance with FCC rules and regulations.

The Guides are being developed to replace the FCC Self-Inspection Checklists that were first released in the 1990s, but had not been updated for nearly 15 years. While the previous Checklists only provided references to rules, the new SBE Guides include recommended practices for stations to establish policies and procedures for their own stations to ensure overall regulatory compliance.

The project was announced at the SBE National Meeting held in September 2023, and received widespread support from state broadcaster associations, many of which are actively involved in their own ABIP programs. 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 begin reviewing and updating the Guides. Additional Guides for other broadcast services are under review and will be released later.

The interest in the Guides continues, as does the work of the committee to develop additional editions." The Guides are available for download from the SBE website under the Legislative/Regulatory and Resources tabs. They are free to SBE members.

## 5. SBE National Headquarters

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## SBE 122 Officers and Committees

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

