

SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS Chapter 122
May 2026 NEWSLETTER

Join us at our next regular meeting at noon May 14 th, 2026



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

We're usually on the right, along the wall

(680 at Western Reserve, then west about 1000 feet)

Reminder: SBE CH 122 has 9 meetings a year.

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

SBE Chapter 122 Meeting Minutes 4/9/26

- Date 4/9/26
- Start 12:35 PM
- End 12:41 PM
- Number of Attendees: 5, SBE Certified:1 Guest: 1
- Presiding Officer: Wes Boyd
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting; Ben Slagle Melisa Limpose seconds the motion
- Treasurer Report: Mike Orto not present
- EAS Report: John Clarke, All tests ran normally
- Frequency Report < 1 GHz: Wes Boyd, nothing to report.
- Frequency Report > 1 GHz: Bob Flis: not present
- Certification: nothing to report.
- Old Business: None
- New Business: None
- Program Speaker: None
- Motion to Adjourn: Melissa Limpose / Seconded: Ben Slagle

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

The State of Ohio 2026 RMT Schedule PN Stations Reference Guide

<i>MONTH</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>SOURCE(S)</i>
May	5/13/26	9:50am	CAP + SP-2
June	6/10/26	3:50am	SP-2
July	7/08/26	9:50am	CAP + SP-1
August	8/12/26	3:50am	CAP + SP-1
September	9/09/26	9:50am	CAP + SP-2
October	10/14/26	3:50am	SP-1
November	11/11/26	9:50am	CAP + SP-1
December	12/09/26	3:50am	CAP + SP-2

Required Monthly Tests originate from the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) in Columbus at :48 past the hour to ensure delivery by :50 past the hour.

WNCI is the State Primary station (SP-1) gregsavoldi@iheartmedia.com

WBNS-FM is the Alternate SP station (SP-2) greg.armstrong@tegn.com

The SEOC originates RMTs through a combination of CAP via IPAWS and OEAS fiber via OET embedded digital stream, and firewalled G-Net audio codecs to LP stations with legacy Over-The-Air transmission to the 12 Operational Areas across the state. WNCI and WBNS-FM are the lead stations for OTA distribution to all Radio, TV, and Cable operators...statewide.

2026 PENNSYLVANIA EAS NETWORK REQUIRED MONTHLY TEST DATES

MONTH	DAY	TIME	
MAY	21 THU	10:05 A.M. DAY,	EMnet
JUNE	18 THU	4:30 A.M. NIGHT,	EMnet
JULY	16 THU	10:15 A.M. DAY,	EMnet
AUGUST	20 THU	12:45 A.M. NIGHT,	EMnet
SEPTEMBER	17 THU	10:30 A.M. DAY,	EMnet
OCTOBER	15 THU	4:40 A.M. NIGHT,	EMnet
NOVEMBER	19 THU	10:45 A.M. DAY,	EMnet
DECEMBER	17 THU	4:45 A.M. NIGHT,	EMnet

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Broadcasters' Desktop Resource

by Barry Mishkind

Over 15 years of service to broadcasters

As always, many great articles to read

- [Danger From Consumer Parts](#)
- [Talking Like an Old Hand](#)
- [Are You Ready to Buy Your Own Station? Buy One!](#)
- [Nautel Solves Tube Worry](#)
- [MP3 Is Only A Beginning](#)

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.

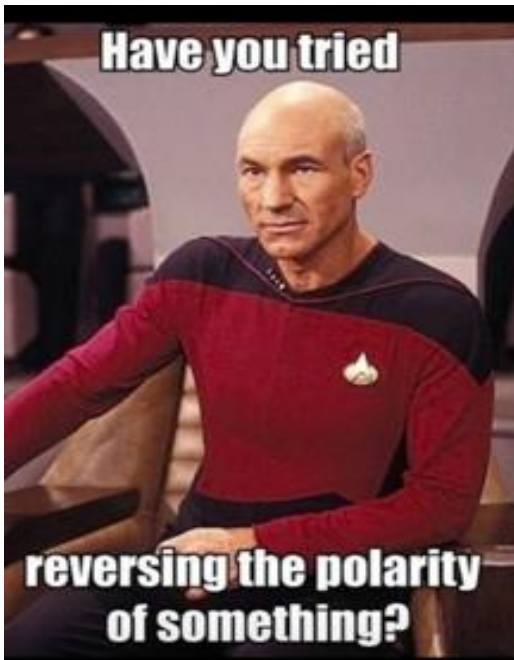
Recordings of the meetings are usually posted a day or so afterward.

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



“WKRP in Cincinnati” is becoming a reality, as three local stations adopt the famous call letters



The voice of [WKRP in Cincinnati](#) star Gary Sandy welcomed morning commuters to the newly rebranded broadcast. But first, listeners to the Georgetown, KY.-area 106.7 FM, Cincinnati-area 97.7 FM, and Dayton and Sidney, Ohio-area 94.5 (a 160-mile span) were treated to an hours-long teaser when the stations continuously aired the [WKRP](#) theme song from midnight to the first broadcast of the morning

Ted Turner, Founder of CNN and Television News Pioneer, Dies Aged 87

Callum Sutherland

Wed, May 6, 2026 at 12:31 PM EDT



Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1938, Turner moved with his family to Georgia, where he would later found CNN in Atlanta.

During a period of global change, CNN broadcast major events including the collapse of the Soviet Union and the First Gulf War, earning Turner [TIME's Man of the Year](#) in 1991 for “influencing the dynamic of events and turning viewers in 150 countries into instant witnesses of history.”

Turner founded the network in 1980 and expanded with more channels, including CNN Headline News, CNN International, and Cartoon Network, in the years that followed.

The media giant also founded TBS and TNT, which still have international audiences today.



THE SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS

The Association for Broadcast and Multimedia Technology Professionals

April 27, 2026

A slate of candidates for the 2026 [SBE election](#) has been assembled. The SBE Nominations Committee, chaired by Jeff Welton, CBRE, provided a list of candidates. Additional floor nominations will be accepted until June 21.

The slate of candidates:

Officers:

President

- Kevin Trueblood, CBRE, CBNT; Ft. Myers, FL (incumbent)

Vice President

- Geary Morrill, CPBE, AMD, DRB, CBNE; Saginaw, MI (incumbent)

Secretary

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

Treasurer

- Gregory Dahl, CPBE; Rockford, IL
- Charles “Ched” Keiler, CPBE, 8-VSB, ATSC3, CBNE; Ft. Lauderdale, FL (incumbent)

Directors:

- David Antoine, CBRE, CBNT; Charleston, SC (incumbent)
- Eric Hoehn, CPBE; Washington, DC
- Dustin Hapli, CBNE; Buffalo Grove, IL (incumbent)
- Joseph Geerling, CPBE, CBNT; St. Louis, MO
- Jeff Juniet, CBTE; Casselberry, FL (incumbent)
- Davit Robakidze, CBTE, CBNE; Tblisi, Republic of Georgia
- Dustin Tatro, CBRE; Abilene, TX
- Tom Ray, CPBE, AMD, DRB; New Windsor, NY

April 20, 2026

The Society of Broadcast Engineers has elevated SBE member Fred Willard of Dunkirk, MD, to the membership rank of Fellow. The SBE Board of Directors elected him at a meeting held in April 2026.



Fred Willard, CPBE, 8-VSB, ATSC3, CBNT, senior RF engineer for Televisa Univision in Washington, DC, joined the SBE in 1985. He is serving his third term on the SBE Board of Directors, first elected in 2020. He has served SBE Chapter 37 as secretary from 2016 to 2019, and treasurer since 2019. His work with bringing new people into broadcast and media technology includes working on the Media Forward student outreach with his local chapter, mentoring students at Montgomery Community College and Kent County High School, and working with the Maryland Board of Education to include the *SBE Certification Handbook for Radio Operators* and *SBE Television Operator's Certification Handbook* into the official state curriculum.

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Get notifications and information from the SBE about **SBE** Webinars

The Society of Broadcast Engineers has released new **Broadcast Station Self-Inspection Guides** for AM, FM, TV and LPFM broadcast stations. The SBE partnered with the National Association of Broadcasters to produce the documents, which are the first part of a planned series to cover all broadcast services. 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.

It's time to renew your SBE membership !!

And several good articles on the latest issue of The SIGNAL.

SBE HF HAMnet

The **SBE HF HAMnet** takes place on the **second Sunday of every month** at 2400 GMT. **Hal Hostetler, CPBE, WA7BGX**, serves as net control. The published frequency is 14.205MHz. Occasionally, that frequency is busy and you may need to move up or down (no more than 10kHz) to find the SBE meeting. Hal is a long-time member and lives in Tucson, AZ.

An email reminder list has been set up to send reminders and other notices about the net. Contact Scott Jones (kjones@sbe.org) to be subscribed.

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	

with so much negatively lately..
Here's something Positive

