

SBE CHAPTER 70 - CLEVELAND/AKRON

SBE 70 MINUTES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 - Gather 6:00pm
Chapter 70 Meeting at 7pm, Presentation to follow
Cuyahoga County Library - North Royalton Branch
5071 Wallings Rd, North Royalton, OH 44133 - Meeting Room 121
Presentation: The New FCC Self Inspection Checklist for FM Stations
Presented by Blake Thompson, OAB ABIP Inspector

May 14th MEETING INFO

Join us at the North Royalton Library, Meeting Room 121 on Tuesday, May 14th at 6pm. Note that we are in the larger meeting room this time...the first door to your left as you head down the hallway, then to your left after entering the Library. We will have pizza and refreshments before a 7pm Meeting.

For our presentation, I asked our own Chapter Chair, Blake Thompson, if he could give a presentation and overview of the recently released FCC Self Inspection Checklist for FM & TV. The new SBE Guides now include recommended practices for stations to establish policies and procedures for their own use to ensure overall regulatory compliance. Additional Guides for AM and other services are under review and will be released later.

Blake, as the Regional Alternative Broadcast Inspection Program Inspector, will review and highlight things that have been updated since the last checklist, with an overall review of what you should be looking for at your stations. It should give you a little piece of mind should you get an unexpected visit by the FCC.

Blake last presented an EAS and ABIP Presentation about 5 years ago, so we are due for a refresher and looking forward to it!

Hope to see you there!

-John Hovanec, CSRE/CBNT DRB AMD
SBE Chapter 70 Program Chair

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Hello all members and friends of SBE Chapter 70. First up, a big chapter thanks to Sam Cappas, VP - Sr. Regional Director of Technical Operations at Audacy, for the excellent program on their Performance studios. I was very impressed with the facilities which were designed for the artists using modern concert style systems throughout. I even recognized several of the artists performing. Thanks also to John Hovanec for pulling the program together.



Save the Date! Mark your calendar for this year's Midwest Broadcast & Multimedia Technology Conference on October 2-3, in Columbus! You'll notice we've added a second afternoon of sessions on October 2nd with the main conference on the 3rd. This year, we're bringing together engineers and multimedia tech professionals from FIVE STATES as the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters joins the OAB, IBA, KBA, and MAB in presenting the event.

In national news, there's still time to renew, or join, as the membership drive runs through May 31. The Society of Broadcast Engineers will conduct a survey to determine salary levels and benefits among broadcast and media technology engineers through May 16, 2024. You still have some time to be a part of the survey.

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2024 Weisinger Scholarship Awarded

As SBE Chapter 70 continues to sponsor the William P. Weisinger Scholarship scholarship for a graduating senior of 88.9/WSTB in Streetsboro, we are pleased to announce that this year's recipient is Tyler "Ty" Paul, CRO.

Ty began his radio career as a freshman while working with the WSTB Membership Drive. He actually joined the staff the following year. Ty was the host of the *Alternation Morning Show* (M-F, 6am-9am) for the past two years. He also served as the station's Promotions Director and was active in training new DJs.

With graduation coming this month, Ty will continue to be part of the WSTB staff as he will transition to become one of the managers of the station's annual June membership drive.

Ty will attend the University of Akron beginning this fall and plans to major in business.



William P. Weisinger (1949-2010)

Bill Weisinger was a longtime member and officer of SBE Chapter 70. He also served as teacher, manager, and chief engineer of WSTB radio at Streetsboro High School for more than three decades. During this time, Bill was also the chief engineer for WKHR at Kenton High School and WRMU at the University of Mount Union. The following is a portion of the story of Weisinger's life and accomplishments as reported in *Radio World* magazine on November 9, 2010:



Weisinger, who lived in Streetsboro, was a longtime SBE member. The Kent state grad held an FCC First Class License and was a certified SBE Radio/TV Broadcast Engineer. He was a Lynbrook, N.Y., native.

The former WSTB station manager and director of engineering also created and programmed the "Sunday Oldies Jukebox," which aired on non-commercial WSTB(FM). That station is licensed by the Streetsboro City Schools; its offices and studios are in the local high school.

Weisinger was an adjunct professor at the school of Journalism & Mass Communication at Kent State University and served as a mentor to the many high school and university students who crossed his path who had an interest in broadcasting.



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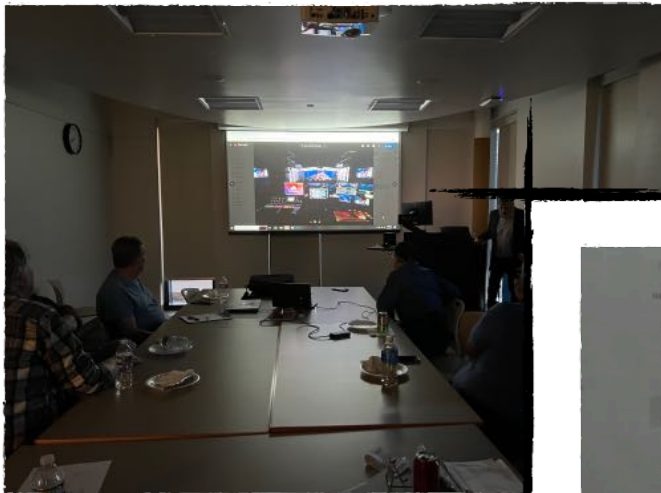
The next one up is mentioned in the program notes as well: The Society of Broadcast Engineers has released new Broadcast Station Self-Inspection Guides for FM and TV broadcast stations. The SBE partnered with the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) to produce the documents, which are the first 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. More info at - sbe.org

See you Tuesday!

Blake E. Thompson CBNT
BET Broadcast Engineering
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MARCH MEETING

Presentation: Performance Studios for Radio Broadcasting
by Sam Cappas, Vice President, Senior Regional Director of Tech Ops



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SBE 2024 Certification Exam Schedule



Exam Dates	Location	Application Deadline
February 2-12	Local Chapters	Past Deadline
April 16	NAB Show/Las Vegas	Past Deadline
June 7-17	Local Chapters	Past Deadline
August 2-12	Local Chapters	June 14
November 1-11	Local Chapters	September 6

When you are ready to take an SBE exam, please fill out the appropriate [application](#) and send it into the SBE National office. You will be notified once your application has been approved. Approximately 3 weeks before the exam time, your local certification chairman will receive a list of applicants in his/her area. He/she will then contact those applicants to schedule a date, time and place for the exams. The exams will be mailed back to the National office for grading. The pass/fail grades will then be mailed directly to the applicants.

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