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## NEWS

### Highlights from SBE at NAB 2015

IP and RPU proposals to the FCC were hot topics at annual spring meeting April 29, 2015

By Michael Balderston

LAS VEGAS—Over 100,000 people made their way to Las Vegas for the 2015 NAB Show, but there was more going on in and around the Las Vegas Convention Center than the NAB's annual convention. Throughout the LVCC floor and just next door at the Westgate Resort, the [Society of Broadcast Engineers](#) was on hand for its annual event, SBE at the NAB Show. More than 165 SBE members partook in the festivities, which included the Ennes Workshop, committee meetings and the Spring Membership Meeting.

The Broadcast Engineering Conference's Ennes Workshop, which was open to all NAB attendees, took place in the South Hall of the LVCC on April 11 and focused largely on the emergence of IP. Presentations included a tutorial on router configuration from SBE board member and director of engineering at Educational Broadcast Services in the Office of Information Technology at Texas A&M University, Wayne Pecena, and "The All IP Radio Station" by Barry Thomas, Wilks Broadcasting's director of engineering.

"Many radio stations today are largely 'all IP,'" said John Poray, SBE executive director. "This includes business networks, production, playout, routing, distribution and more. The large crowd the SBE/Ennes program generated is an indication of just how important the topic is to radio engineers."

Over the next couple of days SBE committee meetings took place on certification, education and frequency coordination, as well as a board of directors meeting and SBE Certification Exams.

It all led up to the annual Spring Membership Meeting on April 14. The agenda for the Membership Meeting included acknowledgement of certification awards, Cris Alexander and Ralph Hogan's [elevation to the rank of Fellow](#), and updates from several committees.

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SBE also updated members on its request to the FCC regarding modernization of rules covering 450/455 MHz remote pickup (RPU) systems. The commission has begun a rulemaking to update certain portions of the Part 74 rules for Remote Pickup Broadcast Stations. Prompted in part by SBE, it did propose to allow broadcasters to use any type of digital equipment. But the commission also said that no rule change is needed to provide channel applicants more flexibility in interpreting center frequency assignments; SBE had hoped for such a rule change. The FCC declined the SBE's waiver request to allow digital emissions in the RPU band while the rulemaking is in progress. This means an applicant would have to request an individual waiver to use digital modulation until the final rule is in place. The SBE hopes in the coming months the FCC will adjust its rules to allow for digital modulation as well as allow station identification for Remote Pickup Broadcast Stations in the same manner they do for Part 90 users (Land Mobile Radio Services). SBE's Government Relations committee also provided members a brief update on negotiations with the Department of Defense on sharing 2 GHz spectrum.

"The outcome of some of these legislative issues that SBE has been involved with... they affect our members," said Joe Snelson, president of the SBE. "These are important things to continue to work on. Hopefully by our fall national meeting we'll see some movement on those fronts." The fall national meeting will take place from Oct. 13-15 in Madison, Wis. Over the summer the SBE will also hold elections for officers and board members. Ballots close on Aug. 20 with the results announced Aug. 21.

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EL PASO, TX    SBE CHAPTER 38    MEETING MINUTE

DATE 4/23/2015 LOCATION: KFOXTV-CBS4 STUDIOS

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 12:14 PM, BY ANTONIO CASTRO, THERE WERE 22 MEMBERS.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY:** MINUTES IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER. ACCEPTED BY NORBERT MILES, SECOND BY LAWRENCE MONTENEGRO.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER:** \$ 6,893.87 IN THE BANK. ACCEPTED BY DAVID HALPERIN, SECOND BY MARIO JIMENEZ.

**REPORT OF THE CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE:** NO REPORT

**REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** WELCOME TO ADRIAN MIRANDA (CBS4) AND GLEN GONZALEZ(KFOXTV).

**REPORT OF THE FREQUENCY COORDINATOR COMMITTEE:** NO REPORT

**REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** THE RON HANEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATED \$ 3,000.00 TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS THREE SCHOLARSHIPS. APPLICATIONS TO BE ACCEPTED.

**REPORT OF THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE:** 1843 HITS LAST TIME, NOW 1857. ( 14 ). THE FACE BOOK ACCOUNT STILL ACTIVE.

**REPORT OF THE EAS CHAIRMAN:** BOTH NM & TX EAS MONTHLY TESTS CAME FINE. DAVID GRICE REPORTED THAT EL PASO EAS IS NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE OF TEXAS.

**REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** NO PROSPECTS.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**  
FAA REPORTED, RICARDO MOORE TO BE RETIRED, EDUARDO ORTEGON TO TAKE OVER

**NEW BUSINESS OR ANY ITEMS FOR THE CHAPTER INTERES:** ENNES WORKSHOP THIS YEAR, YES, IT IS CLEAR AND READY TO GO.

**NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION:** TUESDAY, MAY 12TH 2015, LUNCH TIME AT THE "EL ARRIERO" MEXICAN BUFFET, MESA INN..

**Note from the Chairman: Don't forget to send your cast for the ENGINEER OF THE YEAR 2015 on or before May 12 mid day. Elect only two engineers from the list of 22 NATIONAL members. We count with your participation.**



# MAY PROGRAM

There was no presentation for last month, just our regular Meeting, but the showing of the installations of KFOXTV-CBS4 was very valuable for the visitors. Thanks to Bruno Cruz for hosting the lunch.

For MAY, we don't have a special presentation, only our regular meeting, but it is so important that you attend, so we can decide from the list of dualities, who will be the 6 participants for the final election of the ENGINEER OF THE YEAR.

The list of the 22 national SBE members was sent in a previous e-mail. Note that the former elected EOTY are highlighted in the list.

Let's enjoy the Mexican buffet at the "EL ARRIERRO" at the Mesa Inn and have our meeting.

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