



The Society of Broadcast Engineers

Fox Valley Wisconsin SBE Chapter 80

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May 2024 Chairman's Corner

First and foremost, as mentioned in a previous email from earlier in the week, we are moving this month's meeting to Sam's Pizza in Schofield. Hopefully this will make it easier for our Wausau area members to attend in person this month if they would like.

Our annual picnic is scheduled to take place in July, and it does not look like the Next Best Thing Media tour will be a part of it this year as they are no longer touring. We are looking for a place to have our 2024 picnic. Our Wausau area membership would have first choice of hosting the picnic. We have had some preliminary talk of having it at Rib Mountain and we will be looking to make a decision during our meeting on Tuesday.

I hope everyone was able to take a few minutes to complete the annual SBE compensation survey. It provides a lot of valuable information about the state of our industry and is it certainly worthwhile to spend a few minutes to fill it out.

May Program

This month's **SBE 80** meeting will feature a presentation from long time Chief Engineer Mike Pappas on getting the most out of a C.E's work day, work week, month, and year. Mr. Pappas has a very entertaining, as well as informative presentation that touches on his 19 years as C.E. for a Denver CO cluster and his current work as co-owner and Vice President of Business Development for Orban Labs. He will be joined by John Lynch, Director of Business Development for Broadcast Supply Worldwide - BSW who's company arranged for this presentation and is providing the meal service.

In addition to discussing how to make the most of a Chief Engineer's job, Mr. Pappas will outline and demonstrate the new technology employed by Orban Labs in on-air processing and streaming processing. The company was founded 55 years ago by the legendary and still very active, Bob Orban.

If you cannot attend in person, please feel free to join via Zoom. The link can be found below.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87633612955?pwd=IlbEexL3GxhHZOUdVnkHsKG78rER6i.1>

Meeting ID: 876 3361 2955

Passcode: 572497

As always, if anyone would like to see any of our financial reports, you can contact myself or Steve Brown and we will get you that information. *Our chapter financial records are available for viewing by any Chapter 80 member in good standing upon request.*

I look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting on Tuesday, May 21st either in person or via zoom.

Respectfully,
Matt Converse
Chairman, Chapter 80 Fox Valley

Membership Drive

Time is running out on the annual SBE Membership Drive. This ends on May 31st so there is still a little time. The SBE launched the 2024 Membership Drive on March 1st with the theme Shape the Future: Recruit a New SBE Member.

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. The Membership Drive runs until May 31st, see the link below for complete details.

[Complete Details of the 2024 Membership Drive](#)

WBA Summer Conference

The WBA has officially announced the details of its annual summer conference at Hotel Retlaw in Fond du Lac. Back for another year at the conference will be the Duke Wright Media Technology Institute which will run June 18th through the 20th. The event will once again be led by Chapter 80's own Bill Hubbard as well as Jeff Welton from Nautel. Bill and Jeff have a great program planned for the 3 days and it is worth the time to attend.

Also, Chapter 80's Steve Brown will be inducted into the WBA Hall of Fame at the conference. The Hall of Reception, dinner, and presentations will take place on the evening of Thursday, June 20th, with the reception beginning at 5pm. More information and registration can be found by clicking the link below. The WBA Summer conference and Duke Wright Media Technology Institute will take the place of our normal June meeting, as had been the case for many years running. For more information, see the link below

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Candidates Announced for 2024 SBE Election

Each year, the SBE membership elects members to serve on the national Board of Directors, the governing body of the society. This includes all four officers for one-year terms and half the 12 directors for two-year terms. Additional candidates may be nominated by the membership. Any eligible member proposed by at least ten members to the national secretary by June 23rd will be added to the ballot.

The election will take place July 8th through August 7th. Balloting will be via the election website, except for those members who have opted out of electronic voting this year or who have not provided the SBE National Office with their email address. They will receive their ballots through the mail.

The Nominations Committee is chaired by Jeff Welton, CBRE. Committee members are Joe Snelson, CPBE, 8-VSB, ATSC3, and Kirk Harnack, CBRE, CBNE.

For more information about candidacy and a list of all the announced candidates, you can visit the [SBE website](#) or contact SBE Secretary Geary Morrill at gmorrill@sbe.org or SBE Executive Director Jim Ragsdale at jagsdale@sbe.org or 317-846-9000.

Exam Date(s)	Location	Application Deadline
June 7-17, 2024	Local Chapters	April 26, 2024
Aug. 2-12, 2024	Local Chapters	June 14, 2024
Nov. 1-11, 2024	Local Chapters	Sept. 6, 2024

Upcoming Dates to Remember

May 31st – SBE Membership Drive ends

June 18th – 20th Duke Wright Media Technology Institute, Retlaw Hotel, Fond du Lac

June 23rd – Nominations for SBE candidacy close

July 8th – Voting for SBE candidacy begins

August 7th – Voting for SBE candidacy close

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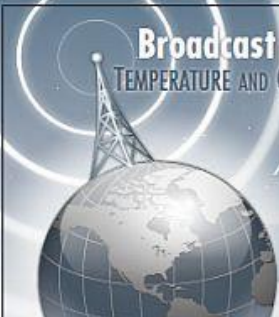
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