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Chairman's Corner

"Nothing really prepares you for the loss of a friend. I didn't know how keenly I would feel the loss, but I miss Bill, and I'm sad I won't get to hear his laughter at a meeting ever again. But his passing has given me a chance to really reflect on the time we spent together, working on transmitters and passing his knowledge to me (he was good at that). And more importantly, telling jokes and trying to enjoy every moment of life. Bill is the reason I joined the SBE, he believed passionately that our group was worthwhile and worth the price of admission. Finally, Bill had an impact on the community that I'm not sure even he knew about. My current work has me performing engineer duties for WEMI, a position Bill Moede held for some time. His picture appears in photos around the studio, but his legacy lives even into the walls. One of my favorite stories involves my frantic search through the ceilings and floors of this studio building, tracing back 2-pair and CAT5 cables that had been pressed into service as low-voltage lines connecting a jumble of old and new sections of the studio light system. After finally locating the relays in a box in the ceiling, all I could think was "whoever put this together knew what they were doing but maybe they were a little crazy." That's when I turned my head and read "Studio Lights -Bill M" written on a tag attached to the wires. His legacy will live on LONG into the future, and I think that's because of the type of man that he was, and the way he lived his life: never without joy.

To Bill. Forever in our hearts."

Craig Pilgram Chairman

SBE Chapter 80

No Chapter 80 Meeting in June due to the WBA Duke Wright Media Technology Institute.

SBE Chapter 80 Picnic Coming in July!

Our annual summer cookout meeting is being held on Tuesday, July 21st at the WSAW Studio Building, located at 1114 Grand Ave. in Wausau. Andrew Kennedy has agreed to host us there on the back patio, and to provide a tour of the progress they're making on their new control room project. Members are welcome to bring a dish to share, and the chapter will be providing the brats, burgers, buns, beverages, etc. We hope to see everyone there!



Upcoming Webinars by SBE

ATSC 3.0 – Datacasting and Public Safety Applications

August 20, 2026 2 p.m. ET

This webinar provides an overview of the technology driving ATSC 3.0, including enhanced viewer experience and the ability to use deliver data for non-viewer applications. Presenter Fred Engel will also provide his view of the current deployment of this exciting technology.

Wisconsin Association of Broadcasters offer Engineering Fellowship Grants

The WBA and the WBA Foundation offer Engineering Fellowship Grants. This program is meant to provide a stipend for broadcast engineers currently serving Wisconsin member stations to acquire continuing education in broadcast engineering.

The Foundation will award up to two \$500 grants statewide. These grants are to be used for continuing engineering education such as courses in information technology/networking, engineering leadership/management, electrical engineering/transmission courses, or other “new technology” training.

Funding for the grant is from donations made in the name of WBA Hall of Famer and former SBE president Terry Baun.

More Information at:

<https://www.wbafoundation.org/scholarships-grants/engineering-fellowship-grants/>

SBE 2026 National Meeting coming to Madison in September

The annual Society of Broadcast Engineers National Meeting will be held in Middleton, WI, on Sept. 15-16, 2026, in conjunction with the Midwest Regional Broadcasters Clinic, presented by the state broadcast associations of Wisconsin and Minnesota. SBE members from the region and across the country are invited to attend. The SBE national Meeting includes the SBE Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Presentation. More info on the Clinic at: <https://broadcastersclinic.com/>



Upcoming Certification Exams

Exam Dates	Location	Application Deadline
November 6-16, 2026	Local Chapters	September 7, 2026



Give Back. Become an SBE Mentor.

The SBE Mentor Program provides a means for SBE members to share knowledge and experience. For the seasoned mentor, it's a chance to give something back. For the freshman mentee, it's an ideal way to gain inside knowledge and understanding that can sometime take years to accumulate.

Want to share your knowledge, but don't want to be a regular mentor? Be a Subject Matter Expert. Lend your knowledge and experience in specific areas when the need arises

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