

SBE 141 Meeting Newsletter

February 2007

by Chapter Chair, Rick Carrara

January Chapter 141 Luncheon Meeting

We held our first meeting of the year on January 11th at the Hungry Woodsman's "Saw Shop" room. There were 22 engineers attending the meeting.

Here's my report on the meeting proceedings:

Introductions

I called the meeting to order and introduced my self as the Chief Engineer for KDRV-TV and the newly elected chapter chair. We started the meeting off with each person standing up and giving their name and business affiliation if any.

New Business

Welcome new officers:

Rick Carrara – Chair

Ellis Feinstein – Vice Chair

Rem Roberti – Secretary

Keane Laguatan – Treasurer

Special thanks go to Mike Gary for serving as interim Chair in the first half-year of our chapter's life – Mike, thanks for your work last year in getting this chapter off the ground. And thanks to Ellis and Rem for continuing in their posts this year.

All chapter members should have received an email from Rem announcing the results of the chapter officer elections in October.

According to our chapter by-laws, this year's election will be held at our October meeting. We'll have more on this year's elections later.

Welcome new members:

Matt Boughton – SOPTV

John Cyr –

Mike Johnson – Kathrein / Scala Division

Tom Werner – SOPTV

Acknowledge continuing members:

Mike Bach – Kathrein / Scala Division

Rick Carrara – KDRV

Jon Clark – Dielectric

Billy Cunningham, (CPBE) – Retired

Ellis Feinstein – Kathrein / Scala Division

Mike Gary – KMVU

Keane Laguatan (CBT) – KDRV

Rem Roberti (CBT) – KDRV

David Rose (CPBE) – JPR (recently upgraded from CSRE)

Ludwell Sibley (CSBE) – Retired

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Acknowledge continuing members (continued):

Allan Steinberg (CBT) – KDRV

Joe Torsitano (CBRE) –

We have a total of 16 Members and 7 of those are certified by the SBE.

Committees

As chapter Chair I am calling for volunteers for two committees. I need to appoint a Nominations Committee with at least three members; and an Elections Committee with three members. The committee duties are not cumbersome, so please let me know if you would like to volunteer. Mike Gary has volunteered to serve on one of the committee. Please contact me or any of the officers if you would like to volunteer.

Attendee contact info

We would like to collect email addresses and business contact info for all attendees so we can send out meeting reports and notification of upcoming programs. We promise not to give out the names and emails on the list.

Programs

We would like to invite meeting attendees (not just SBE members) to make recommendations for program topics and vendors. Please give your suggestions to any of the Chapter Officers or you can email your ideas to secretary@sbe141.org.

Web Site Additions

There is a link on the www.sbe141.org home page where you can subscribe to or unsubscribe from the local chapter email list. We are planning some other additions to the website to make it an even more valuable asset. Thanks to our secretary Rem for the work he has put into developing the site for us. Be sure to surf on over to the web site at www.sbe141.org.

Southern Oregon Public Television Equipment Sale

SOPTV is having an equipment sale. Tom Werner had a list of surplus equipment that KSYS is selling. You can still check in with Tom to see what's left for sale.

TV Digital commercial distribution formats

TV broadcasters and Cable operators are facing an evolution in the way commercials are distributed from clients and agencies. I will be contacting TV and Cable engineers to see if we can arrange a brief telephone conference in the next week or two to open a dialog on this issue.

Chapter Member Business

I asked if chapter members had any new business they wanted to discuss. No new business was brought up.

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Program

Next I introduced Doug Woehler of Dialight. Doug gave a very interesting presentation on LED obstruction lighting. There was a lot of useful information in Doug's presentation – most of the information is available on their web site's Obstruction Lighting pages at <http://www.dialight.com/Products/ObstructionLighting.cfm>
We thanked Doug for a very interesting presentation and for providing lunch.

February Meeting

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 15th in the Hungry Woodsman's Saw Shop room. Clay Freinwald, the SBE National Vice President has had to reschedule his visit with us – he won't be able to make this meeting. However, a program will be presented by LP Technologies with the topic: A Full Band Spectrum Analyzer for the Sprint/Nextel 2GHz Relocation Project. This device is under the allowance of the Broadcaster's 2GHz Relocation Reimbursement program. LP Technologies will be providing lunch.

Spread the Word

Please let any of your colleagues that might be interested in our meetings and programs know that they are welcome to attend. You do not have to be an SBE member to attend. More information is available on the local chapter's web site at www.sbe141.org .

Thanks to everyone who attended the January meeting – we hope to see you at noon on February 15th.