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**SBE 74 NEWSLETTER**

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**SOCIETY OF BROADCAST ENGINEERS**  
**CHAPTER 74 - MIDLANDS**

**Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa**

[www.sbe74.org](http://www.sbe74.org)

**March 19, 2010**

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**The next Meeting for SBE74 will be Wednesday March 31, 2010 at Perkins Restaurant** attached to the Best Western Motel at 108th and L Streets in Omaha. We will have the election meeting and **lunch at 11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM**. The program will begin about 12:30 PM. The address is: 4706 South 108th St., Omaha, NE 68137

The March program will be a report from the **CAP EAS Summit in Washington DC** this month. Jim Skinner is the new Chair of the Nebraska SECC and attended the Summit representing the state of Nebraska. He will talk about what the FCC, FEMA and members of Congress reported and also how the NE SECC is planning to respond to the expected EAS changes ahead for us. For more information on the Nebraska State Emergency Communications Committee (SECC) go to [www.NE-EAS.org](http://www.NE-EAS.org)

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**Nominated candidates for SBE Chapter 74 elections March 31, 2010.**

President: Dale Scherbring, TTBG/KPTM

Vice President: Darrel Sudduth, Retired

Treasurer: Gina Dierks, KPTM TV

Secretary: Mark Voris, KVSS Radio

No other nominations were made at the meeting on February 24.

The SBE74 Nominations Committee this year is Jim Leedham, Salem Communications and Jim Skinner, KXVO/KPTM TV.

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**NEXT MONTH**

SBE74 will meet Wednesday April 28 for a report on the NAB Convention from Dale Scherbring.

Time: 11:30 to 1:30

Location: Perkins 108th & L Streets, Omaha

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Nebraska Broadcasters Association and

SBE74 Engineering Convention

Is scheduled for Thursday, August 12, 2010,

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Tentative times)

Four Programs are planned including:

- Tektronix
- Corrosion protection for towers (Sioux Falls Tower)
- Sage CAP Digital Endecs

The new Nebraska EAS SECC will be meeting at the convention as well.

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**STATEWIDE EAS TEST WITH REAL "TOR" EVENT CODE MARCH 24!**

Note that National Weather Service in the State of Nebraska will be conducting a test using the actual Tornado Warning EAS Event Code. That takes place Wednesday morning March 24, 2010 between 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM. This is intended to trigger Department of Roads electronic highway signs, city sirens, telephone emergency equipment, all cable systems and broadcast stations.

As we understand it cable systems often do not have control over individual digital channels like they do analog channels. So local TV stations may have both their own EAS TOR activation as well as the cable system interrupting the digital channel no doubt at a different times.

This test is requested by the Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman in conjunction with

Nebraska severe weather awareness week.

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National SBE is encouraging each of us to sign up at least one new member to SBE this Spring. Prizes and incentives are available for all SBE members who bring in a new member. Go to [www.sbe.org](http://www.sbe.org) if you want to join or know somebody who does.

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SBE74 member Mark Voris tells us that there are some real good podcasts on this website. It is a weekly program that runs about an hour in length. This Week In Radio Tech (TWiRT) <http://thisweekinradiotech.squarespace.com/> .

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JOB OPENING IN MINNESOTA FOR IT/BROADCAST ENGINEER

[http://americanpublicmedia.publicradio.org/careers/job\\_details.php?id=572](http://americanpublicmedia.publicradio.org/careers/job_details.php?id=572)

To apply, email a resume and cover letter to [careers@americanpublicmedia.org](mailto:careers@americanpublicmedia.org).

Indicate position #164-10, Broadcast Engineer.

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Interesting article of the future of Broadcast Television

<http://www.tvnewscheck.com/articles/2010/03/12/daily.4/>

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The National SBE Certification Committee has established the following exam dates.

Choose the SBE Certification exam period that is best for you.

<u>Exam Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>
April 13, 2010	NAB	March 26, 2010
June 4-14, 2010	Local Chapters	April 16, 2010
August 6-16, 2010	Local Chapters	June 4, 2010
November 5-15, 2010	Local Chapters	September 17, 2010

To find out about SBE Certification go to:

[www.sbe.org/cert\\_index.php](http://www.sbe.org/cert_index.php)

Contact Jim Leedham, Chapter74 Certification Chair  
402-422-1600, <mailto:jleedham3@cox.net>

You may also contact Megan at the national SBE Certification Office:  
<mailto:mclappe@sbe.org>

Phone: 317-846-9000

Study software is available for a cost.

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All officers are elected yearly in March.

Committee Chairs are appointed by the Chapter Chair.

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and click "Join SBE" at the top of the web page.

Or call the National SBE office at: (317) 846-9000.

Or email <mailto:kjones@sbe.org>

The benefits of SBE membership are many, you can read all about it at:

[http://www.sbe.org/join\\_index.php](http://www.sbe.org/join_index.php)

You are welcome to attend SBE74 Chapter meetings as our guest anytime you wish. Come and meet fellow broadcast professionals and learn, while you have fun! There are no local dues, just join national at <http://www.sbe.org> when you are ready and tell them the Chapter 74 newsletter sent you!

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#### MIDLANDS CHAPTER WEBSITE

Visit the SBE74 website at:

<http://www.sbe74.org>

for info on the SBE in Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa.

Including: Omaha, Council Bluffs, Lincoln and Sioux City.

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The SBE74 NEWSLETTERS are sent to members of the Midlands Chapter, as well as sponsors and friends who wish to know what the Chapter is doing.

This email letter is edited by Jim Skinner. If you wish to be removed from this email list, know of any addresses to add, would like to offer an article, or have any corrections send an email

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Thanks for reading about the Society of Broadcast Engineers and Chapter 74!