

# The Society of Broadcast Engineers, Central Illinois Chapter 49 By-Laws

## ARTICLE I. Name and Purposes

**Section 1. Name.** The name of this organization shall be The Society of Broadcast Engineers, Inc., Central Illinois Chapter 49, hereinafter called the Chapter.

**Section 2. Purposes.** The Chapter is affiliated with a national non-profit professional society (the Society of Broadcast Engineers, Inc., a District of Columbia corporation, hereinafter the Society) designed to serve the professional needs of those persons engaged in Broadcast Engineering. Its purpose is to further the aims of the Society.

## ARTICLE II. Membership

**Section 1. Qualifications.** Each member of this Chapter shall be a member of the Society in good standing.

**Section 2. Term.** Memberships are annual and terminate on April 1. New and renewal applications shall be filed with the National SBE Office on the forms provided by the National Office.

## ARTICLE III. OFFICERS AND DUTIES

**Section 1.** The membership of the Chapter shall elect the officers, which shall consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer.

**Section 2.** The terms of all officers shall be two years, beginning after each election and starting with the March 2011 election.

**Section 3.** No officer shall receive any compensation for services performed in his official capacity, but officers shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.

**Section 4.** The Chairman shall fill vacancies in offices by appointment until the start of the next term.

**Section 5.** The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter, and shall perform all other duties normally associated with the office.

**Section 6.** The Vice Chairman shall perform all duties normally associated with the office or assigned by the Chairman, and shall assume the duties of the Chairman in the Chairman's absence.

**Section 7.** The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Chapter. In the event the Secretary is not present at a meeting, the presiding officer may assign the duties of recording the minutes to any member present. The Secretary shall be responsible for the circulation of meeting notices, and shall send meeting reports and attendance records to the Society National Office and shall keep any other Chapter records as may become necessary.

**Section 8.** The Treasurer shall be responsible for all records and books of account of the Chapter. All records shall be open to inspection by members in good standing at reasonable times. The Treasurer shall generally supervise all accounts and monies of the Chapter. The Treasurer shall furnish an annual financial report to the Society Treasurer and keep any other Chapter financial records as may become necessary.

**Section 9.** The Chapter shall maintain a checking account requiring that the checks be signed by any two of the four officers.

## ARTICLE IV. COMMITTEES

**Section 1.** The Chairman shall newly appoint members of all standing committees within a month after taking office. The Chairman may also appoint temporary committees as necessary, but with tenure not to exceed the Chairman's term of office.

**Section 2.** Standing committees shall consist of the following:

- (a) Nominations Committee, which shall consist of at least two members in good standing.
- (b) Elections Committee, which shall consist of three Members, two of which may be on the Nominations Committee.
- (c) Certification Committee, which will consist of at least one member.
- (d) Frequency Coordination Committee, which will consist of at least one member.

## ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS

**Section 1.** Elections shall be held the second Thursday in March beginning in 2011. Any member in good standing may vote. Vote is by secret ballot. The election may be conducted at a meeting of the Chapter, through the U.S. mail or via the Internet .

**Section 2.** Ballots shall be mailed to each member at least thirty days prior to the election.

**Section 3.** Ballots may be cast at the election meeting or submitted absentee. Absentee ballots must be submitted at least 10 days prior to the election.

**Section 4.** By January 5th, the Nominations Committee shall prepare and disseminate to all members a slate of proposed officers. The Committee, when possible, shall nominate at least two members for each office. Members of the Committee may not be candidates unless nominated at large from the floor.

**Section 5.** The Elections Committee shall supervise the election, tally the votes, and notify all candidates and the Secretary of the results. The Secretary shall notify the members of the results in the next monthly mailing and notify the SBE National Office. The Election Committee shall arbitrate any election dispute. Its decisions are final.

## ARTICLE VI. CHAPTER MEETINGS

**Section 1.** The Chapter shall meet once a month, at a time and location determined by the Chairman; advance notice shall be given to all members.

**Section 2.** The general order of business at the meetings shall be as follows:

- Opening
- Report of the Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Report of the Committees

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Unfinished Business

New Business

**Section 3.** Roberts Rules of Order, to establish procedure and ensure decorum, shall govern all meetings of the Chapter.

**Section 4.** A Quorum shall consist of at least five (5) of the registered membership of the Chapter, including one officer.

## ARTICLE VII. DISCIPLINE

**Section 1.** The Chapter reserves the right to discipline its members.

## ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

**Section 1.** The By-Laws may be amended upon resolution proposed by the Chapter Officers, or by a petition by not less than five (5) of the registered Chapter members. Copies of the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Chapter membership by mail or e-mail.

**Section 2.** Absentee ballots on the proposed amendments shall be returned to the Secretary within thirty days of the mailing.

**Section 3.** Discussion and voting on the proposed amendment shall take place at the next scheduled monthly meeting.

**Section 4.** The amendment is adopted if affirmatively accepted by a majority of those voting. The amendment shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

**Section 5.** The Secretary shall notify all members of newly adopted amendments in the next monthly notice, and shall provide to each member a copy of the amended By-Laws as soon as is practicable.

## ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION

**Section 1.** Should it become necessary to dissolve the Chapter, the assets shall be distributed by the Chapter in accordance with the guidelines prescribed by the Board of the Directors of the Society.