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## 2008 EAS monthly tests

Tues., January 8, 1:50 pm

Tues., February 12, 10:50 pm

Tues., March 11, 1:50 pm

Tues., April 8, 10:50 pm

Tues., May 13, 1:50 pm

Tues., June 10, 10:50 pm

Tues., July 8, 1:50 pm

Tues., August 12, 10:50 pm

Tues., September 9, 1:50 pm

Tues., October 14, 10:50 pm

Tues., November 11, 1:50 pm

Tues., December 9, 10:50 pm



## Chairman's message



*Eugene Williams, CEO/General Manager  
KTWU TV, Topeka*

Over the past few months I've had the pleasure to work with three very fine Kansas broadcasters. While doing the search for Harriet's replacement, I've been very fortunate to have Mike Fell, Joan Barrett and Mark Vail as selection committee members. They have been invaluable in providing insight, enthusiasm [and even] entertainment as we have traversed this difficult road together.

I know that each of you are anxious for the committee to complete its work and present a candidate to the Board of Directors for confirmation. Believe me, those of us serving on the committee are just as anxious and plan to do so very soon.

Through the expert leadership of Mike Fell as committee chairperson, we received approximately 25 applications from candidates with excellent credentials. This type of interest in the KAB position can only serve as a testament to the fine work of the KAB members over the years and of course, its Executive Director of 25 years, Harriet Lange. Together, a great reputation has been built and it deserves to be preserved.

I really want to thank Mike, Joan and Mark for their diligence and commitment to our selection process. There have been times when each of us has felt the sting of disagreement and the poignant pain of disappointment. But through it all, we have maintained a high regard for the process and a commitment to securing the very best candidate for KAB. I can tell

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## Thanks for airing our NCSAs

Commercial broadcasters serving Kansas have been generous by pledging time to KAB's time bank and airing and reporting NCSAs (non-commercial sustaining announcements).

KAB has distributed a time bank pledge form for 2008. Many broadcasters have returned their form with a generous pledge. Many others have not yet responded. If you haven't yet made your pledge, please do so today. Our goal is to raise \$1 million in air time for the time bank, which we in turn will make available to non-profit and government agencies at discounted rates. To qualify for our time bank, agencies cannot be traditional advertisers and they must have an important message of interest and benefit to the people of Kansas.

While KAB station dues support KAB's lobbying efforts at the state and federal levels, NCSA funds are used for underwriting many of KAB's services and industry benefits:

- FREE Legal Hotlines
- EEO 1 Source – web based system for EEO compliance and record-keeping
- Annual convention and professional training seminars for management, sales, continuity, programming, engineering, and students
- Alternative FCC Inspection Program - Pass our inspection and receive a three-year exemption from routine FCC inspections
- Broadcast Scholarships
- KAB Kids Scholarships
- Student Seminar/Awards program
- Career Fairs
- Online Job Bank
- Paid student internships
- Paid internships for broadcast educators
- Continuing support of KS Sunshine Coalition for Open Government.

If you haven't yet returned your 2008 NCSA pledge form, please do so today, to help ensure another financially successful year for KAB.

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## More pass inspection

More stations have passed a KAB/FCC Alternative Broadcast Inspection, exempting them from routine FCC inspections for three years: **KGGF AM/FM, KKRK FM, KUSN FM**, and Coffeyville; **KMDO/KOMB**, Fort Scott; **KCVW FM**, Hutchinson; **KCCV AM/FM, KMBZ AM, KKHK AM, KCSP AM, KXTR AM, KRBZ FM, KUDL FM, KQRC FM, KYYS FM, WDAF FM, KSHB TV**, and **KMCI TV**, Kansas City; **KJRG AM**, Newton; **KTKA TV**, Topeka; **KSAS TV**, and **KMTW TV**, Wichita.

Broadcasters interested in a KAB inspection should go to KAB's web site to download the "Request for Inspection" form and return it with payment to KAB. To download the form go to [www.kab.net](http://www.kab.net) and click on "Legal and Regulatory" on the left side menu of options.

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## Chairman's message continued

you that we left no stones unturned. Each and every applicant was engaged in conversation with at least one of us at some point in the process. And as you can imagine, some candidates were engaged at much higher levels and at various times and places.

I'm deeply proud of the work that we have done. Each of us has made significant personal sacrifices as well as committing the resources of our individual stations and staff, to this effort. We've had to be creative and pragmatic while seeking the fantastic. The learning curve has been steep but we really believe that we will come out of this with an individual that will preserve and grow the good work that the members and Harriet have built over the years. You'll be hearing from us soon.

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*Mark Your  
Calendar*

*2008 KAB  
Convention*

**October 12-14, 2008  
Wichita Airport Hilton**

## Washington update

### At the FCC

\*The Commission at their November 27 meeting **adopted new rules favoring LPFM, restricting translator applications, and possibly impeding full service FM station upgrades**. On the television side, the Commission adopted **new rules requiring TV stations to keep public file information on the station's website, and new requirements for quantifying public interest obligations**. For additional information go to <http://www.broadcastlawblog.com>, a blog published by Davis Wright Tremaine, LLP, KAB's Washington law firm.

### In Congress

\***H Con Res 244** has more than 100 co-sponsors, including three of Kansas congressmen: **Rep. Jerry Moran, Rep. Dennis Moore, and Rep. Todd Tiahrt**. The resolution opposes a so-called "performance tax" on broadcasters being proposed by Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA). The resolution reads: "Congress should not impose any new performance fee, tax, royalty, or other charge relating to the public performance of sound recordings on a local radio station for broadcasting sound recordings over the air, or on any business for such public performance of sound recordings."

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## FEC allows campaign ads by unions, corporations

The Federal Election Commission has adopted rules in response to a recent Supreme Court decision, that will allow political ads to be funded by corporations and unions.

Corporations and labor unions will be allowed to fund advertising on issues to air 30 days before a primary and 60 days before a general election. Candidates may be mentioned in the ads if in the context of an issue but not for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate.

The rules will take effect 30 days after publication in the *Federal Register*.

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## News briefs

\***KJIL/KHYM** Announcer **Gabriel Peter** of Meade, KS has had a book published that is being picked up by Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble. The book, *East From West*, is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com). The author's web site is [www.gabrielpeter.com](http://www.gabrielpeter.com) Peter also has a band that performs at youth events.

\***Kelley Foust, KOAM TV/KFJX TV**, Pittsburg, has been promoted from account executive to local sales manager for KFJX TV. She joined the stations in 2002.

\*Pending FCC approval, the assets of **KSJM FM, Winfield/** Wichita, have been sold by Carter Broadcast Group to **Mid America Ag Network, Inc.** for \$600,000.

\***Don Checots** has resigned as general manager of **KPTS TV**, Wichita. The Board of Trustees has named **Dave McClintock**, as interim GM. Dave also is KPTS director of broadcast operations.

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## Dillon represents KS broadcasters at Denver AMBER conference

Dan Dillon, news director at KFDI/KFTI, Wichita and a member of the Attorney General's AMBER Alert Task Force, attended the Annual AMBER Alert National Conference in mid-November. Others attending from Kansas included: Karen Elsen, AG's Office; KBI Special Agent in Charge of AMBER Alert Rick Sabel; Judy Ashbaugh, KBI Missing Persons; Denise Wheeler, chief of IT at the KBI; Shari Hillard of the KS Dept. of Transportation; and Sgt. Mary Mattingly and Detective Kent Bauman of Wichita's Exploited and Missing Child Unit.

Teams from all 50 states, tribal communities, the territories, the District of Columbia, Canada, and Mexico gathered in Denver to discuss strategies for strengthening the AMBER Alert network. The conference was sponsored by the U.S. Dept of Justice.

The first AMBER Alert program was started by broadcasters in Dallas in 1997 after the abduction and murder of nine-year-old Amber Hagerman. The Kansas AMBER Alert program was instituted in 2002 by then Attorney General Carla Stoval. All 50 states now have statewide AMBER Alert plans, creating a network of systems nationwide to aid in the recovery of abducted children.

Since 1997, AMBER Alerts have been responsible for the safe return of 373 children.

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