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Register For The VAB Hall of Fame & Awards Gala Saturday, November 14th

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HALL OF FAME & AWARDS GALA

— SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026 —
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel | South Burlington

Hall of Fame Inductees:
Bob Kinzel, Kia Winchell Nealy, Howard Ginsberg

Broadcaster of the Year:
Vermont Public's "No Exit" Team

Distinguished Service Award:
Jamie Dennis

Snyder-Teffner Award:
Laura Lareau

Alan Noyes Community Service Award:
WEQX-FM

Rising Star Awards:
Roy Santa Croce, Erin Howard, Matt DiLoreto, Sophia Thomas

Friend of Broadcasters Award:
Bob Shotwell

Social Hour: 5PM | Buffet Dinner: 6PM | Awards: 7-9PM
Semi-Formal "America's 250" Themed Attire Encouraged.

Cost: \$70 for VAB Members & Their Guests,
\$150 for Non-VAB Members.
Free Parking.

AMERICA'S 250

VermontBroadcasters.org

Register No Later Than Nov. 6TH.

\$139 Room Rate Available

Schedule of Events:

- 5:00-6:00PM: Social Hour
- 6:00-7:00PM: Buffet Dinner
- 7:00-9:00PM: Presentation of Awards & Inductions

Attire: Semi-formal attire encouraged but not required. Feel free to come dressed in attire inspired by this year's theme "America's 250!"

Cost: \$70 for VAB Members (owners and current employees of VAB member stations as well as VAB Hall of Famers) and their invited guests. \$150 for Non VAB Members. Price includes 1 free drink token and a buffet style dinner. Tickets must be purchased online by November 6th-no tickets at the door.

Discounted Hotel Rooms:

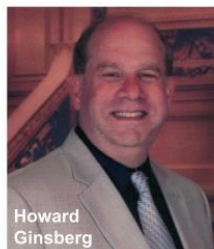
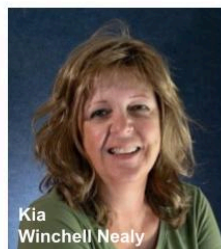
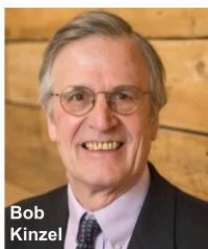
A limited number of discounted hotel rooms at The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in South Burlington are available for \$139 +tax while supplies last. [CLICK HERE](#) to make your reservations.

[CLICK HERE TO BUY YOUR GALA TICKETS ONLINE BY NOVEMBER 6TH](#)

**Before you register, ask your manager if your station is coordinating a group registration*

2026 VAB Hall of Fame Inductees & Award Winners

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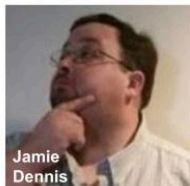


2026 Broadcaster Of The Year



2026 Rising Star Award Winners

Distinguished Service Award Winner



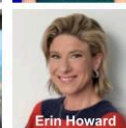
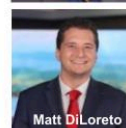
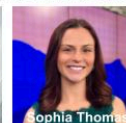
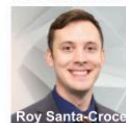
Snyder Teffner Award Winner



Alan Noyes Community Service Award Winner



Friend of Broadcasters Award Winner



AM1230 WJOY Celebrates 80 Years!



Congratulations to AM1230 WJOY as they celebrate their 80th broadcasting anniversary!

Thursday, October 8th, WJOY hosted an open house from 10 AM to 1 PM at their studio in South Burlington. Listeners, advertisers and friends of the station stopped by to say hello to long-time Breakfast Table host Ginny McGehee, enjoy refreshments, take tours and enter to win prizes.



FCC National EAS Test November 17th



Federal
Communications
Commission

The FCC will conduct a National EAS Test on Tuesday, November 17, 2026. FEMA will transmit the nationwide test at 2:20 p.m. (ET) using IPAWS. The FCC also announced deadlines for ETRS Forms One, Two and Three to be filed by all EAS participants as well:

- File ETRS Form One no later than October 30, 2026.
- File ETRS Form Two within 48 hours of the nationwide test so 2:20 pm ET November 19th
- File ETRS Form Three within 45 days following the nationwide test, which will be on or before January 4, 2027.

It is mandatory for stations to have the latest firmware loaded in your EAS equipment. The required firmware version for Sage Endec's is 96.00 or higher and for DasDec's is 54.00 or higher. If your EAS unit firmware is out of date, you will not be able to receive the test and your station operation will be considered as non-compliant, which could trigger enforcement action from the FCC. Another major item is to ensure your EAS unit clock is synchronizing to the official time provided by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

FEMA is hosting two informational webinars for the broadcast community to cover test logistics as well as best practices to help broadcasters prepare for the National EAS Test. Both webinars will cover the same content and will be held virtually.

Webinar Offering #1 Friday, October 16 11:00am-12:00pm ET [Registration Link](#)

Webinar Offering #2 Tuesday, October 20 2:30pm-3:30 pm ET [Registration Link](#)

Email FEMA-NationwideTest@fema.dhs.gov with any questions.

Brand New Antenna & Power Divider For Sale

Due to a last minute change in antenna configuration, WLUD, a new community radio station starting up in the Ludlow area, has a brand new single bay circularly polarized antenna and a separate power divider available for sale at cost.

New, fully built, single bay Nicom BKG-77 with radome and upgraded 7/16 DIN connector suitable for up to 2 kW \$1570 - This antenna is very popular for lower power FM broadcast and FM translator uses.

New Nicom BAC2FL 2-way antenna power divider with 7/16 DIN input and outputs \$915

Political Advertising Refresher, PB-19 Forms & New VT Synthetic Media in Political Ads Law



With political advertising season getting underway, the VAB has three important items to share:

1. Unlimited use of the NAB PB-19 Forms for VAB Members:

We are excited to give you a new VAB member benefit that will likely save you money! The VAB has paid the NAB a fee to give all VAB members unlimited use of the NAB's proprietary PB-19 forms for political candidate ads as well as non-candidate/issue ads. Normally, to use these forms, it's \$40.46/station for NAB members or \$44.95/station for Non-NAB members. But thanks to the VAB, you have unlimited use of both forms for all of 2026!

DOWNLOAD PB-19
CANDIDATE FORM

DOWNLOAD PB-19 NON-
CANDIDATE / ISSUE FORM

2. Political Advertising Refresher Webinar Recording:

In November 2025, Washington D.C. attorney David Oxenford hosted a webinar refreshing broadcasters on FCC political advertising rules and how to be compliant. Watch the video below or copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xnC9BdAYbQ>

First, What's New?

- Generally, the rules have not changed in the last two years
- The FCC has changed
 - Bobby Baker, the head of the FCC's Office of Political Broadcasting for about 30 years, retired early this year along with one of his deputy
 - FCC Chairman is looking at many old broadcast policies through a different lens – so there is some uncertainty of the interpretation of some political policies – though hard to undo decades of precedent without formal proceedings which have not been initiated
- Political environment is much more adversarial – more challenges to trust of political ads – and more threats of litigation
- Digital and AI add new wrinkles to political ads – and states are getting more involved in regulation as federal government intervention lags

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Download David Oxenford's Political Refresher Slide Deck

3. New Vermont Law Requiring Synthetic Media Disclosures in Political Ads:

In March, the state legislature passed S23 and Gov. Scott signed it into law as Act 75. What this law says is, if a political candidate creates an ad or has an ad created by someone and it contains "deceptive and fraudulent synthetic media" and it airs 90 days before an election, it must have the following disclosure:

"This media has been manipulated or generated by digital technology and depicts speech or conduct that did not occur."

The VAB worked hard to ensure the new law included protections from liability and penalty for broadcasters who, because of FCC rules about equal time and censorship, have to air political ads they are given by the candidate making the ad buy.

ADDITIONAL CAUTION FROM ATTORNEY DAVID OXENFORD - PLEASE READ:

Although broadcasters are protected from liability and penalty under S.23, D.C. Media Attorney David Oxenford cautions stations that an ad that is not sponsored by a candidate that uses AI and misrepresents what a candidate said or did, which a broadcaster runs knowing that the ad is untrue, can still create liability for the broadcaster under traditional concepts of defamation. A broadcaster who knowingly runs an ad that makes defamatory claims about a recognizable individual (like a candidate) can be held liable for continuing to run the ad once they are on notice of its contents. This is true whether the untrue statements contain any image of the candidate being attacked or not, and could apply whether a false image or voice of a candidate was generated by AI or by traditional editing techniques. An ad sponsored by a legally qualified candidate and only run over the air does not raise these issues even if it contains AI that misrepresents another candidate because the broadcaster cannot, under FCC rules, censor an ad from the candidate themselves. But ads from PACs, political parties, and other interested groups can raise this issue. Stations should contact their own attorney to see if there may be any liability under defamation law or under other legal principles.

David wrote more about this concern in this blog

article: <https://www.broadcastlawblog.com/2026/03/articles/ai-in-political-attack-ads-watch-state-laws-on-deep-fakes-and-synthetic-media-in-political-content/>. The discussion of defamation is in the second half of the article.

Broadcast Job Openings Around Vermont



[Meteorologist, National Sales Specialist, Local News Anchor Reporter, Digital Sales Manager, Account Executive](#)



[Marketing Intern, Photographer/Director, Broadcast Intern, Multimedia Journalist, Multi-Platform Account Executive](#)



[Meteorologist, Sales Traffic Assistant, Assistant News Director](#)



[Events & Marketing Coordinator, Philanthropic Operations & Engagement Officer, Senior Vice President of Development](#)



[Account Executive](#)



[Multimedia Sales Executive, Junior Account Executive, Digital Marketing Consultant](#)

This Week at the FCC



Every week, the attorneys at [Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP](#) in Washington D.C. provide a summary of the regulatory and legal actions of significance to broadcasters within the FCC. They also provide links to information about how these actions may affect your operations. Read this week's summary as well as summaries from past weeks at:

vermontbroadcasters.org/this-week-at-the-fcc

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