

WORT Board of Directors

Regular Monthly Meeting

September 27, 2017

~~Draft minutes~~

Directors present: David Devereaux-Weber (President), Stuart Levitan (Vice-President), Jane Richard (Secretary), Martin Kehrein (Treasurer), Jerry Chernow, Gilman Halsted, Katherine Hoveland, Stephen Lord, Paul Novak

Directors absent: Doug Holtz (Staff Representative), Lincoln Tice

Guest: Molly Stentz

President Devereaux-Weber called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. The agenda was adopted with very minor changes and the minutes of the meeting of August 16, 2017 were approved by consent.

The staff reports were noted; News, Talk, and Public Affairs director, Molly Stentz, requested a change to the hiring process for part-time employees.

Levitan moved to authorize staff (the full-time collective members) to fill vacancies in budgeted part-time upon notice to the board of a vacancy.

Chernow seconded; all in favor, motion passes

The board generally agreed that any material change of a position description should first come to the board, before advertising the vacancy.

Other reports submitted for informational purposes:

- a. Volunteer and Outreach:
- b. Music Assistant/Promo Production
- c. Music
- d. Business and Event Development
- e. Listener Sponsor Development
- f. Events (handed out at the meeting)
- g. Community Advisory Board (CAB)
- h. The Finance Committee presented an oral report: the budget process is going well. There was ample discussion about the board's calendar to approve the budget before it goes into effect January 1, 2018.

Kehrein moved to schedule a special Board of Directors "budget approval" meeting on December 6, 7:00 p.m.

Halsted seconded; all in favor, motion passes

There were several announcements: Fall pledge drive is October 1-14: volunteer; the new WORT Social Club launch September 19 was successful (see Vol Coor report for detail). Worth repeating wherever programmers are listening: the Spintron display on wortfm.org will show the last show signed in as being on the air. Please sign in during your show even if the song list isn't added until afterwards.

Periodically the option is broached to have a second broadcast stream, and most recently Nathan Quilleran suggested re-broadcasting current programming with a 12 hour delay. While interested in offering this, the board felt it needed more information to fully endorse the idea and the topic was referred to the Engineering Committee to bring a detailed proposal back to the Board of Directors.

There were other informational items:

- On Thursday October 19, during A Public Affair AND in the midst of Free Speech Week (October 16-22), there will be a live broadcast panel discussion to debate free speech and community access.
- As specified in the collective bargaining agreement, the staff retirement plan will continue with a 2% contribution to its plan for employees earning more than \$5000/year.
- Fine points of the physical location of the station will be referred to the Engineering Committee, which is encouraged to establish a facilities working group.

President Devereaux-Weber adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm. (moved by Levitan, seconded by Halstead)

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Richard (Secretary)