

Lincoln Buchanan Tice

Seat Selection: Participating Member

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Current Occupation Adult Education Instructor in Basic Math

Any past felony convictions? No

Background

Please indicate your involvement with WORT, past or current: I am a member of the Science News Collective, and have worked a weekly receptionist shift for the past two years. I also generally volunteer to work in the WORT booth at community events and answering phones for pledge drives. I started listening in 2009 and became a sponsor in 2014 and 2015, but now I focus on volunteering my time and energy.

Please indicate your involvement with communities in WORT's listening area: I moved to Madison to attend the UW in 2004, and graduated in 2008 with a Biology Degree. I did internships in environmental policy and with the Obama campaign, then started working in the local renewable energy industry. I bought a small house in the Eken Park neighborhood in 2009, which I have been rehabbing. I am a certified solar panel installer, and have worked for several local companies and started my own business. In 2014 I began volunteering at a GED program on the south side, and worked there until recently. Since 2016 I have been a part-time math faculty member at MATC in the School of Academic Advancement. I teach in Biotechnology and Construction programs. Since 2015 I have served on the board for Legacy Solar Cooperative, and last summer I was a youth mentor for MUM's Mentoring Connections Program. I plan on attending the UW School of Education part-time starting this fall.

Ideas

What are your goals for WORT?

I want WORT to be a place where everyone feels comfortable, including at board meetings. We need to continue to attract new and younger listeners and volunteers. We should continue modernizing and improving our social media presence and podcasts. I also think we need to consider the long-term viability of the building. We need to continue to be a place where people actually want to be, and I think that the building, location, and parking situation do not serve our needs as well as they once did.

What do you see as WORT's major responsibilities to the community? WORT does a phenomenal job serving our community with excellent local news, music, and talk from a non-commercial independent perspective. We promote important community events and support local music, art, and culture. We provide a platform for ideas and opinions about the issues, and a source of education and inspiration for all. Our responsibility to the community is to stay vibrant and strong, stay on-the-air, and continue diversifying the programming.

There are many areas where WORT could improve and many new activities WORT could undertake. Please list specific tasks on which you would be willing to work.

Planning for the future of the building. Analyzing the financials and possibly developing sponsorships to fund the website, streaming, and podcasts. Improving relations between the board and staff, and ensuring that staff roles and responsibilities are clearly defined. Attracting younger and more diverse listeners and volunteers, including through our program schedule. Social media committee.

Why do you wish to be on WORT's Board of Directors? I love our station! I listen constantly, enjoy volunteering here, and really like and respect all of the staff and volunteers. Everyone contributes to making WORT great, and I think this would be the best contribution that I could give right now. WORT is literally my favorite thing about Madison, and has made my life so much better over the past 8 years. I am easy-going and generally get along with all types of people, which is important in a collective.

The Board currently meets monthly on a Wednesday night. Meetings are scheduled at 7:00 p.m. and may finish as late as 11 p.m.. Are you able to regularly attend Board meetings? Absolutely, but I think we should make every effort not to extend meetings late into the night.

WORT's Board is an active participant in station affairs. Board members do committee work and participate in pledge drives and other fundraising events. Board members are expected to commit to five to ten hours a month in addition to meetings. Roughly estimate the time you have available for work in addition to Board meetings. 5 to 10 hours (more in summer)

Additional relevant material:

I would like my involvement on the board to be more than just one arduous meeting per month. I would like to be involved with one or more working groups that communicate regularly outside of board meetings, and then report on their progress to the rest of the board. I know that there are several committees already, and I look forward to learning more about how they run and how the station is run. I also look forward to building relationships with the other board members, as that seems key to productive meetings. Working as a receptionist Wednesday nights for most of the last two years I became aware of an extremely tense atmosphere surrounding board meetings, which obviously contributed to the high turnover this year!