



Board of Directors

Regular Monthly Meeting

March 21, 2018, 7:00 PM

Minutes

Approved April 30, 2018

Directors present: David Devereaux-Weber (President), Stuart Levitan (Vice-President), Jane Richard (Secretary), Jerry Chernow, Doug Holtz (Staff Representative), Katherine Hoveland, Stephen Lord, Paul Novak, Lincoln Tice

Directors absent: Gilman Halsted, Martin Kehrein (Treasurer),

Also present: Nathan McQuillen, Dylan Brogan, Emily Mills, Glenn Mitroff, Dan Lippitt

President Devereaux-Weber called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. The agenda was adopted with minor changes. Several guests gave statements regarding the Access Hour of March 19, 2018, when host Thistle Petterson and her guest(s) questioned the legitimacy of gender-issued people. Mills and Brogan agreed that the words said on the show were harmful but disagreed on the role and responsibility of the Access Hour: is controversial content part of the difficulties of sponsoring free speech? Is it free speech or a misleading platform? Or is it a flagrant violation of the station's mission? McQuillen and Mitroff noted that the collective met to examine how the mission statement should be interpreted and how this situation might be handled (and how to avoid it in the future). The board was distressed by the situation but decided that its own discussion should be scheduled for another time. In the meantime, Devereaux-Weber directed the staff to craft a (public?) reaction.

The minutes from the meeting of February 21, 2018 were approved by consent. As usual, the staff and committee reports generated lively discussions:

- Board of Directors Secretary
- Finance
- Programming (see action below regarding the PC charter)
- Staff: Business and Events
- Staff: Listener-Sponsor Development
- Staff: Music
- Staff: Promos/Music Assistant
- Staff: News, Talk, Public Affairs
- Staff: Technology and Facilities
- Staff: Volunteer Outreach
- Community Advisory Board
 - Levitan moved to approve the newly elected officers, Chernow seconded, all in favor, motion passes: Pam Dempsey Chair, with co-secretaries Dawn Egan and Michel Simons

There were several timely announcements: the board expresses a grateful *thank you* to staff and volunteers for the very successful pledge drive, and *congratulations* to the five news and public affairs volunteers who won accolades in the Milwaukee Press Club Awards.

Hoveland moved and Levitan seconded to accept Cass Joy's offer to prepare the station's 990 federal and 1952 state income tax forms for \$325. All in favor, motion passes.

On behalf of the Bylaws and Policies Committee, Levitan presented a revised version of the Programming Committee charter. Lord seconded its approval, and in a short review of terminology, two additional clauses were added to restrict staff and board involvement to the member statuses listed. All in favor, the charter was approved as amended.

The board had ample conversation around the pros and cons of procuring a ratings service, the implications of applying for foundation grants, and the development of an RFP for finance and related administrative duties. This last was assigned to the Executive Committee at the February meeting. This led Lord to request that the Executive Committee be more transparent about its process and that its meetings should be announced as far in advance as possible, and, time allowing, that decisions be vetted before the rest of the board at their next meeting. Chernow had a similar, specific complaint about the the Executive Committee overstepping in making an email decision regarding the preparation of the 990 tax form.

The final discussion of the night was related to safety, for both the people and equipment in the building and how to provide secure conditions, especially (but not exclusively) on weekends and nights. McQuillen noted that there is a line in the budget to install cameras at the entrances. The board enthusiastically endorsed this and encouraged him to get the cameras installed soon. This topic is likely to be recurring.

Chernow moved to adjourn and Novak seconded; Devereaux-Weber adjourned the meeting at 9:12.