

Feb 11, 2021 KSPS Community Advisory Board, 4pm, via Zoom

CAB members attending by teleconference: James Albrecht (Chair,) Terrie Ashby-Scott, Bob Morrison, Patty Crone, Marianne Patton, Vanessa Strange (secretary,) Shaun Higgins, Consuelo Larrabee

Members Absent: n/a

KSPS staff attending: Gary Stokes, Cary Balzer

Opening Business

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm.

At 4:06 pm, the minutes from the January 2021 meeting were approved (motion:Terrie, second: Bob) Vanessa will forward them to Dawn to be posted on the KSPS website, in compliance with the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) requirements, and Monica Samper, Friends of KSPS board secretary, in compliance with the bylaws.

The CAB welcomes new member Marianne, CAB members and staff introduce themselves.

General Manager's Report and Discussion

- Halfway through fiscal year, ahead on assets on revenue, and expect to stay ahead for the uncertain next several months
- No COVID cases so far at the station, limited staff in building at the same time
- Production department is putting out a lot of content during the pandemic, even without travel
- Arts and Culture pillar has excelled, particularly Inland Sessions for local music
- Fit Kids Day will happen if conditions are safe, unlikely to occur by August
- KSPS won 3 awards from NEDA, for NW Profiles, a documentary, Career Explore NW
- Bukola is hiring a second person for the Education Department very soon
- KSPS is producing at a high level even during the pandemic
- Some funds were available to offset work from home costs for staff
- *Current*, public TV newspaper, had an article about the shortage of field engineers all over, KSPS is budgeting for an internship to grow our own engineers for the future to replace retirements

Comments/Questions:

There was interest in the article about field engineers.

Programming Director's Report and Discussion

- Programming updates distributed by email.
- Busy time for Operations and Programming, impeachment trial, with contingency programming plans if needed
- PBS Kids and producers have won 8 kids screen awards

- Presidential Address will move some programming around in February
- Working with schools on a daily basis, paired with initiative for at-home learning
- Hemingway date? Ken Burns and Wilcox
- Revamping Prevue Magazine look soon
- Some new show launches in May

Around-the-table comments

- 1st James: Liked the *When Disaster Strikes* series, *Beyond the Elements*, travel shows may be popular due to end of pandemic, wondered about *Risky Business* complaints- not too many, edited to PG rating
- Consuelo: *Test Kitchen at Home*, looking forward to *Best of Show*, *All Creatures Great and Small*
- Vanessa: Promotes PBS Kids App and Games for colleagues with kids at home during work day, Passport for others as a streaming service. Like KSPS, the library is not planning to hold any in-person events in 2021, but will pivot if COVID conditions improve.
- Terrie: Enjoying Passport, *Finding Your Roots*
- Bob: *Cranston*, *All Creatures Great and Small*, reminder to talk about current events next time
- Patty: Using streaming, liked *The Apartment*, *Saturday Night Cinema*, *Somalia*, looking forward to *Death in Paradise*, levy programming, would like to see more specific information about funding for schools, impressed with all the programming in the livestream
- Shaun: We should talk about current events special guests possibilities
- Marianne: Loves *New Scandinavian Cooking*, *Rick Steves*, *This Old House*

Other Business

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Action items

- Vanessa will forward the approved January minutes to Dawn and Monica
- Marianne will start to work on getting a cohort together for a meeting about programming interests
- Prep for the next meeting, Bob and James will send out all the info from earlier so we can brainstorm beforehand

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm. The next CAB meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 on Zoom at 3:30 pm for a special session followed by the regular meeting at 4pm.