

KSPS Community Advisory Board (Regular)
13 March. 2025 16:00 PT via Zoom

CAB Members Present: James Albrecht (Chair), Bob Morrison (Vice-Chair), Christopher Powell (Secretary), Patty Crone. Ann Dyer, Donna Phillips. Marianne Patton.

KSPS staff attending: Gary Stokes (President and CEO), Dawn Bayman (Station Manager), Debbie Brennan (Programming Director), Skylar Reep (Development Director)

Guest: Leilagh Isaacson, Public Affairs Producer.

A quorum being present, James called the meeting to order at 16:01 PT.

Motion to approve the minutes from 13 Feb. 2025. Moved by Chris, Seconded by Ann.

Reports

The Community Advisory Board heard reports from the following staff:

Gary Stokes, General Manager and President

Dawn Bayman, Station Manager

Skyler Reep, Development Director

Debbie Brennan, Programming Director

Staff Action Items

Gary began by discussing concerns about what is going on in Canada. A prospective Board member from Calgary, having been already vetted by the Board, was ready to take her seat, but backed out given the current cross border situation. Her primary concern was solidarity with her own country. For time being, everything is on hold.

Gary met with members of Congress and spent several days letting people know how important maintaining their relationship with KSPS is, making friends, and letting people know who we are.

This month also saw the kick-off of the Protect My Public Media campaign in Washington, D.C. We will be doing several different spots. Next week, Gary and John Decker. CEO of KPBX will be doing joint spots.

Also, a workforce development grant of \$100,000 has been approved and is still available, Dawn, however, is skeptical it will come to fruition.

At this point Gary introduced Leilagh, who briefly spoke about a proposed new show tentatively titled *At Issue*. Bob and Chris brought to the CAB's attention that CBC has been broadcasting a very popular, weekly, national news show of the same title. Bad idea.

Dawn reported that she has been working on messaging, also on social media regarding appreciation for Canadian viewers and their support.

Debbie informed us that *American Masters* will broadcast a biography of Liza Minelli on 1 April. On the fourth *Austin City Limits* features a two-hour special with Stevie Ray Vaughn, Indigo Girls, and others. On the eighth *Independent Lens* features "We Want Funk." On the fourteenth, *The Corridors of Power*, a documentary about the emergence of the United States as the world's sole superpower following the collapse of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics airs. On the 14th, *The Holocaust: Eighty Years On* airs and on the twenty-ninth. *Independent Lens* presents "Free For All: The Public Library."

Skyler reports that threats to federal funding and the trade war with Canada are both very real threats. Many Canadian viewers are cancelling their memberships or boycotting KSPS as a protest against what they see as foreign aggression. While most of these people renewed their membership, there is a fear of silent departure.

Round Table Discussion from CAB Members included the following programming:

Antiques Roadshow, *Butterfly Effect*, *Inland Sessions*, *Finding Your Roots*, *Curious George*, *Impact*, *All Creatures Great and Small*, *Frontline's* "Trump's Comeback," *Maui's Firestorm*, *Baltimore Bridge Collapse*, *The Plunderers*, *American Masters'* biography of Denzel Washington, *The Disappearance of Miss Scott*, *The Last Days of Jesus*, and *American Experience's* biography of Walter White.

Old Business – none.

New Business – none.

Next meeting is 10 April at 16:00 PT.

The meeting adjourned at 17:28 PT.