

**KSPS Community Advisory Board (Regular)
11 September. 2025 16:00 PT via Zoom**

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

KSPS staff attending: Skylar Reep (Interim General Manager), Shawn Claypool (Chief Administrative Officer), Debbie Brennan (Programming Director).

A quorum being present, James called the meeting to order at 16:03 PT.

Motion to approve the minutes of 12 June. 2025. Moved by Chris, Seconded by Ann.

Elections:

Election of Secretary postponed following discussion of use of AI as supplement to the work of this officer.

Bob was acclaimed as Vice-Chair.

James was acclaimed as Chair.

Reports

The Community Advisory Board heard reports from the following staff:

Skyler Reep, Interim General Manager
Debbie Brennan, Programming Director

Staff Action Items

Interim General Manager Report: Skylar informed the Board that Gary's retirement was moved up to 31 August. Many warm and thoughtful thanks were extended to Gary. A search to replace him has begun. Until this process has concluded, Skylar will remain in his interim position. Skylar will be applying. Dawn has also since left and many warm thoughts to her as well.

As a result of the recession package, we have lost \$1.2 million, or twenty percent of our budget. A new budget was ratified in August and there have been many cuts. We must look at new funding avenues; therefore, six employees have been laid off, another six have experienced reduced compensation, and a marketing director has

been terminated. Overall, the station is “pretty unhappy”. We do, however, have a budget and a strategic plan.

Developmentally, a surge in contributions in July and August has pushed us back on track. We have gained 2,000 new members, mostly American. Canadian membership is flat. In addition, we have 725 new sustainers. Major giving is 74% over goal. Overall, the recession has led to increased giving. We are still here and our budget is balanced. Also, the program guide will be reorganized.

Programming Director’s Report: Upcoming broadcasts include *Maigret* on 5 October, and *The Gold*, a British crime drama based on a 1983 robbery in the UK. On 14 October American Masters presents “Marlie Matlen: Not Alone Anymore,” and on 22 October *Nature* presents “Walrus: The Life of Ice.” On 16 September we will re-broadcast *The American Revolution: An Inside Look*; and on 16 November, Ken Burns’ *The American Revolution* airs. On 27-28 *American Experience* presents a two-part biography titled “Kissinger.”

Round Table Discussion from CAB Members included the following programming: The weather kids’ show, *Fighting for Lincoln*, *Clearing the Air*, *My Lai*, *Rise of the Nazis*, *Discovering Maggie Smith*, *End of the Romans*, *Stones are Speaking*, *Human Footprint*, *Frontline’s* “Remaking the Middle East,” and “Trump’s Power and the Rule of Law,” *Clint Eastwood*, *The Real Wild West*, *Frontline’s* “Victory in the Pacific,” *The Marlow Murder Club*, *America’s Test Kitchen*, *Professor T*, *Patience*, *The Vienna Philharmonic*, *Becoming Thurgood: America’s Social Architect*, *Buffalo Soldiers: Fighting on Two Fronts*, *At Issue*, *Under the Vines*, and *Stepping Out*.

Old Business – none.

New Business – none.

Next meeting is 9 October at 16:00 PT.

The meeting adjourned at 17:27 PT.