



Meeting Minutes: Friends of KSPS Full Board Meeting

Regular Meeting

July 31, 2025

KSPS 3911 South Regal

Spokane, WA

Members Attending: Kristine Meyer (chair), Jessica Deri, Emily Geddes, Craig Gracyalny, Jon Heideman, Jaye Hopkins, Kim Lloyd, Beth Pellicciotti, Rosemary Selinger, Ken Spiering

Members Absent: James Alexie and Kiantha Duncan

Staff Attending: Gary Stokes, Dawn Bayman, Shawn Claypool, Jason Miller, and Zana Morrow

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Kristine Meyer at 4:38 pm. She announced a quorum.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda: Rosemary Selinger moved, and Emily Geddes seconded to approve the consent agenda. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Treasurer's Report: Kim Lloyd said that the current financial report shows the bequests are a bit behind last year's; this is due to differences in the timing of bequests. There were some additional expenses for payments to lobbyists in DC and for Board expenses for the strategic planning retreats. The Finance Committee reviewed part of the upcoming budget on August 11. A final budget for this next fiscal year will be sent to the Board electronically. George Walter Sr. was introduced as the new NETA Controller. Kim Lloyd moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Jon Heideman seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Resolution: endowment account at Innovia. Proposed Mission, Means, Vision, Values: \$765,000 has been in a long-term Innovia account with one provision that these funds cannot be used by KSPS except in the case of loss of federal funding. Jay Hopkins moved, and Craig Gracyalny seconded a resolution that these funds be moved from Innovia to KSPS, given KSPS's loss of federal funding. The Board voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

The Board reviewed the final version of the Mission, Means, Vision and Values which were further defined by the KSPS staff after the May 29 retreat. Emily Geddes moved, and Kim Lloyd seconded that the Board approve the Mission, Means, Vision, and Values as presented. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

General Manager Transition Update: Given Gary Stokes' pending retirement, the Board approved (through an email vote by June 20, 2025) that a position be posted for an Acting General Manager who would work closely with Gary Stokes until his retirement on December 31, 2025. A national search for a General Manager would also commence with the start of the Acting General Manager position. Skylar Reep, currently Director of Development, has accepted the Acting General Manager position.

Elections for FY25-26 Board Service: Jessica Deri moved, and Jon Heideman seconded the nomination of two new KSPS Board members, Jeff Ferguson and Craig Bakker. The Board unanimously approved their appointment to the Board. Rosemary Selinger moved, and Jessica Deri seconded the slate of officers for the Board: Kristine Meyer, President; Emily Geddes, Vice President; Kim Lloyd, Treasurer; and Beth Pellicciotti, Secretary. The Board approved this motion unanimously.

Board Retreat/Strategic Planning Update: Skyler Reep reported that the Strategic Plan is very focused, given how the public broadcast industry has been in turmoil over the loss of federal funding. Skyler also gave the Development Report. A new major giving officer has been hired. Canvassing is near or breaking even. During the last two weeks, there have been 75% more donors and 23% larger gifts. Most of these gifts are from sustainers.

Station Manager's Report: This is Dawn Bayman's last meeting as she retires the end of August.

General Manager's Report: Gary Stokes reported on meetings with PBS in Washington DC and said that supporters of KSPSP would be rallying outside the station on August 1.

Board Committee Updates:

Education: Jay Hopkins noted that Education work continues with much outreach efforts.

Arts and Culture: Zana Morrow reported on the activity with Inland Sessions. Spokane Arts has granted \$10,000 to Inland Sessions.

Workforce: Emily Geddes reported on a \$144,000 grant to support 30 new career spotlights.

Recognition of Craig Gracyalny, who is leaving ("termining out") the Board as of August 31. Craig received thanks from the Board, a picture, and a plaque.

Kristine Meyer adjourned the meeting at 6:02 pm.