

KSPS Community Advisory Board (Regular Meeting)

8 December, 2025, 16:00 PT via Zoom

CAB members present: James Albrecht (Chair), Bob Morrison (Vice Chair), Marianne Patton (Secretary), Ann Dyer

Regrets: Patty Crone, Christopher Powell, Donna Phillips

KSPS staff present: Skyler Reep (Interim General Manager), Shawn Claypool (Chief Administrative Officer), Debbie Brennan (Programming Director)

A quorum being present, James called the meeting to order at 16:05 PT.

Minutes of 11 November 2025 were approved.

Reports From KSPS staff

Interim General Manager: Skyler reminded the board that his Emailed “Executive Dispatch” is the core of his monthly reporting to this group. CAB members can reference it in advance of the monthly meeting to be prepared for his section of the agenda.

Additionally, he confirmed that the current Preview publication that has been mailed to members bi-monthly (every other month) will discontinue in its current format. The new quarterly publication will include detailed program listings but no feature stories. An upcoming issue will include a paragraph about the CAB and solicit new members from around the viewing area.

New hiring for the station has been completed with the exception of the General Manager. This should be accomplished by January 31, 2026.

He highlighted the discontinuation of KWSU PBS TV broadcasting (Pullman viewing area) and the potential loss of that license.

Chief Administrative Officer: James, Skyler and Shawn have begun reviewing and rewriting the 2015 bylaws and will continue to do so.

Programming Director: Debbie has searched for a documentary about the 50th anniversary of the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald and found minimal reference to it. The “Great Lakes Now” series from Detroit PBS includes a mention: <https://www.greatlakesnow.org/series>

She also listed and described some upcoming broadcasts, including:

[Dec 24 – 25 all day holiday programs]

[Dec 25: Call the Midwife special]

[Jan 3: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang]

Jan 5: Antiques Roadshow begins season 30

Jan 5: Washington Grown begins season 13

Jan 6: Finding Your Roots begins season 12

Jan 6: American Experience features “Bombshell” [i.e., atomic bomb] for 90 minutes

Jan 11: Miss Scarlett begins season 6

Jan 11: All Seasons Great and Small begins season 6

Jan 11: “Bookish” premiers

Jan 27: American Masters features a new documentary on Elie Wiesel

Jan 28: Secrets of the Dead features a new episode “Queens of the Dead”

She reminded everyone that it is possible to make a pledge on the streaming app

When questioned about early episodes of Doc Martin, Debbie explained the complicated licensing parameters resulting in PBS having rights to season 6 – 10 but not 1-5 (however, they can be checked out of the Spokane Public Library in DVD format).

Round Table Discussion by CAB Members

Especially appreciated: Weather Hunters; Peg Plus Cat; Work It Out Wombats; Wild Kratts; Dinosaur Train; @ Issue; American Revolution (James queried whether it could be used in high school history courses); Murder in Sweden; Antiques Roadshow Podcast; Northwest Profiles

Members reviewed the application materials for CAB membership submitted by Chris McGoldrick. **James** will invite him to the next meeting.

Skyler will review any requirements concerning the use of Northwest Profiles segments at the Ruby Theatre in Chelan. If used, they would be part of the “Ruby U” series at no charge to the audience.

Marianne reported on her tour of Rocky Reach Dam and suggested it could be a location for Careers Northwest and Northwest Profiles programs. **Skyler** will follow up.

Old Business – James’ annual presentation of CAB activities to the Board of Directors on November 20 went well.

New Business-- None

Next meeting is 8 January 2026 (second Thursday) at 16:00 PT.

The meeting adjourned at 17:02 PT.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Patton, Secretary