

WEFT Associates Meeting
Thursday, March 4, 2021
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
On-Line via <https://zoom.us/> ID: 811 895 6459 ; telephone call-in # 312 626 6799

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order Mike Feldman (MF) @ 7:08pm.
- II. Introductions– completed.
- III. Approval of the Agenda -- Approved via acclamation.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes: Dec 3, 2020 -- Approved with minor corrections via acclimation.
- V. Reports from Committees & Board;
 - A. **Board of Directors** RG: WEFT's 40th anniversary this year. Watch wefto for activity announcements. Icing issues on antenna in January but overall antenna performing well. New candidate policy. Lynn White elected to the BOD.
 - B. **Treasurer's Report** – BP provides attached report.
 - C. **Governance Committee** – RG reports that meetings are now held weekly. Committee is resolving comments. Slow going.
 - D. **Human Resources** – RG no report.
 - E. **Programming** -- GP provides attached report.
 - F. **Music** – AS preparing an updated SOP IAW new Bylaws.
 - G. **Digital Library, Eng., Bldg.** – FS provides attached report.
 - H. **Financial Development** – VN: Spring pledge drive April 5-15. If you are able to do pre-recorded pitches, please submit them to BP. Focus is 40th anniversary. Have ready within ~2 weeks. Wish list developing of station needs now, in 5 years and 10 years. NV will send link of items to list. Another donation of 200 shares of Apple stock forthcoming.
 - I. **Remote Access Team (RAT)** – GP provides attached report.
 - J. **Community Outreach** – TH: 7-person committee with secretary. Currently on hold because cannot do recruitment. Next meeting April 8th @7pm.

Comments & Questions from Associates – none.

- VI. Voting:
 - Board of Directors (3 + 2(?) seats) BP nominates BT. BT nominates BP. RB moves to close nominations, EW seconds. Acclimation. BT and BP make statements. BP elected 22-0-1. BT elected 23-0-0 both for 2-year terms.
 - Programming Committee (1 seat) No nominations.
 - Associates Exec. Comm. (5 seats) 1 year terms. MF, MN, WW, EH, and EU are nominated. All candidates are re-elected unanimously.

- VII. New Business – SM announces that Marilyn Rickey recently passed away. AA announces that Tatiana Ammons is representing at Miss Petite USA.
- VIII. Election results -- BP, BT elected to BOD. MF, MN, WW, EH, WW re-elected to AEC positions. No nominations for PC.
- I. Adjourn MF @ 8:35pm.

NEXT ASSOCIATES MEETING IS
Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021
via Zoom meeting, 7pm

Attachments

Treasurer Report -March Associates Meeting 3/4/21 – Zoom

Account Balances 3/3/21

PNC Checking & Money Market, Paypal \$109,325.71

(Dec. '20: \$102,130.26, Jan. '20: \$85,278.77)

TDA – 416 x APPL \$121.44 + 3000 x PSEC \$7.44 \$74,189.47

Total Assets (Dec. '20: \$170K January '20: \$157K) \$183,515.18

Income:

Donorsnap income – Feb. \$1,570 Jan. \$6,250 Dec. \$9,900

Winter Appeal \$,4875 Fall Pledge Drive \$23,200 (\$11,000 donation)

USPS mailing issues – some folks in Urbana never received mailing

Community Shares - \$856.33 Pasadena Community Foundation \$5,000

Illinois Arts Council Grant \$4400

Tax letters sent to \$250 and above 2020 Donors

Underwriting Krannert - \$500, Upper Bout - \$250, Furniture Lounge - \$125

Expenses:

Licensing BMI - \$739 SESAC - \$161

Pacifica 2nd Qtr. payment - \$125 Sage EAS firmware update - \$350

Weiskamp – Fall Pledge Drive T-shirts - \$587

BP Computer - 2 refurbished WIN 10 systems \$370 (CFECI)

Back Studio Project – Mics & Hangars - \$1110 CD - \$229 (CFECI)

Back Studio project – Mixing Brd. Digital Recorder - \$1850 (CFECI)

Martin Hood – 990 Tax Prep - \$1275

Monthly Bills – Tower Rental \$758

Power (Feb) - \$623 Comcast \$320, Donorsnap \$79

Viastreaming \$32 ABC \$30 AT&T (tower phone) \$75

Spinitron \$20/month for ARK archiving (replaced RFA)

Upcoming: FE Moran – Sprinkler work \$670

Hot Water Heater \$500? HVAC Unit \$9,000 ?? getting bids

Income History: 2020 - \$72K, 2019 - \$90K, 2018 - \$99K

WEFT Digital Library 2021 Q1 Associates Meeting Report

For 3/4/21 7:00 PM

1. Sound Exchange:
 - a. Q4 2020 marked incomplete (Fred submitted the wrong streaming file).
 - b. Q1 2021 period was 2/14-27/2021. Reporting in-process.
2. Facilities:
 - a. HVAC replace / furnace draft motor issue / hot water heater: Pending bids.
 - b. The front door battery tray corrosion: Pending cleaning.
 - c. Front door water in airlock during rainstorm: Pending adjustment.
 - d. Bathroom vent fan: Pending install.
 - e. Sprinkler system inspected, fixes will be done 3/9/21.
 - f. Station security:
 - i. Front door lock: Pending adjustment.
 - ii. Improved lighting: Installation completed.
 - iii. Motion detector / Intercom / Code: TBD if needed.
3. Engineering / IT:
 - a. Bob stepped down from IT support role effective 7/10. Dave Vollenweider, a new volunteer is able to assist with IT tasks.
 - b. The new antenna iced up during the ice storm, which has lasted several days, resulting in loss of most of the transmission power and a noticeably degraded signal. Options under consideration.
 - c. Signal static heard over several days in February. Bob checked this at the transmitter site, and determined that the source is somewhere in the signal chain from the studio to the Lincoln building to the transmitter receiving end. Monitoring equipment has been installed.
 - d. Transmitter powered down 3/1. No apparent cause.
 - e. Motor-boating noise still there, no change. Not a priority.
 - f. No Recording / Streaming computer / CDs: No major issues.
 - g. Dave is investigating re-use of old computer systems.
 - h. Studio monitor replaced with donor monitor.
4. Community Foundation Grant
 - a. The 2020 grant equipment was in place by 12/31/20 as required. Big thank you to Mike Feldman for getting the back studio board installed, meeting the requirement for that equipment.
5. FCC:
 - a. Public File: Next Ownership Report 323-E due 12/2021.

- b. Public File: Issues and Air Time Requests submitted 01/05/21, meeting the deadline. We now have 12 consecutive quarters of reports on-line. Big thank you to Gina for compiling the details.
 - c. FCC license renewal deadline: license approved through 2028.
 - d. Emergency Broadcast System is up-to-date on firmware revisions.
6. Admin
- a. Corp for Public Broadcasting agreement signed by 1/1/21 as required.
 - b. Beginning to expand recurring tasks list and projects lists.
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PC Report for March 4, 2021 Associates' Meeting

New/Time Change Shows:

Friday Forum (Wednesday 6-7pm)

Blues Connection (Wednesday 11:30am-2pm)

Counterspin (Wednesday 5:30-6pm) now (Saturday 2:30-3pm)

With Good Reason (Wednesday 5:30-6pm)

Free for All (Monday 8-10pm) – looking for proposals for one week/month as a “co-hosted”, not genre-specific program

Ended Shows:

Monday Morning Jazz – Bob Selby (Monday 9-11:30am)

Monday Night R'n'R – Jess Vine (Monday 8-10pm)

Behind the News/On the Ground: Voices of Resistance/ Magical Mystery Tour (Weds 6-7pm)

500 Miles from Memphis (Wednesday 7-8pm)

Music, Movies and More (Thursday 7-8pm)

We Do the Work (Saturday 2:30-3pm)

Special Programming:

A Christmas Carol – Dec. 21, 2020 6-8pm

PC Membership/Open Seats:

One Associate elected seat available tonight (two year term). Evelyn Underwood is currently on LOA from the PC. Three BOD elected seats available (Shane Coats resigned his seat in January due to scheduling conflicts) – please see Gina for BOD election procedure if interested.

PC working on:

Due to Covid-19 considerations, the PC has been conducting meetings via Zoom. Quorum issues

have arisen, but actionable items have been resolved, sometimes via email (after agenda publication).

The PC continues to work on PC SOP updates that will be needed to insure adherence to draft Bylaws (electronic meeting rules, annual reviews, etc.). Current processes are being clarified as part of the update process.

PC and MC have collaborated on a genre name change for “World Beat”. As part of PC SOP update, (that will need to be ratified by the BOD and the Associates), Strip programming from 2-4pm will be recognized as “Global Music

Airshifter tracking tool – reminder emails went out to any Airshifter that has not attended two Associates' meetings in the past year on Feb. 26 (22 Airshifters). Reminder emails were sent out to all Airshifters in arrears with their membership dues on Feb. 26 (12 folks – 2 have become current since notification).

Thanks to everyone that sent along “political file” information for on-air “candidate” guests for the municipal Primary elections. A new list of “qualified” candidates for the April general election will be emailed to wefto in the next week.

Open Shows email was sent to wefto on 2/8/21. Program proposal forms (hard copies) are in PC binder in the back studio. Digital versions found at http://new.weft.org/about/show_proposal.html and may be emailed to programming@weft.org.

RAT (Remote Access Team) Report for March 4, 2021 Associates' Meeting

As of February 22, 2021, 15 shows per week were being home-produced and 36 shows per week were being produced in-studio. The balance of 27 shows per week was being covered by RAT member remote operations (Courier/Informational programming/Zara).

As of January 25, 2020 15/37/26

As of December 31, 2020 15/37/26

WEFT RAT continues to support Airshifters who choose to remain at home via remote Zara coverage or through facilitation of the broadcast of home-produced programming.

Meeting Attendees

Aaron Ammons
Jeannie Covert*
Rich Bressler
Cope Cumpston
Jason Croft
Mike Feldman
Robe Guennewig*
Indy Gupta
Michael Hill
Ed Hadley
Ian Hammond
Kristin Holtz
Todd Hunter*
Jeff Machota
Shaun Mills
Dave Monk
Mark Mulcahey
Mark Niswander
Vicki Niswander*

Gina Pagliuso
Bob Paleczny*
Michael Pasteris
Kristy Rice
William Saylor
Anthony Santarelli
Rick Schoell
Fred Segovich
Brian Teague
Barbara Trumpinski-Roberts*
Evelyn Underwood
Zach Widup
William Wolfe
Sreenivas

Members with excused absences

Denise Curia
Kevin Elliott
Greg Harris
Dave Witzany

*BOD members (ineligible to vote in Associate proceedings)