

WEFT Associates Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, March 2, 2023

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Online Via <https://zoom.us/> ID: 811 895 6459 Phone call-in: 312 626 6799

Agenda Items:

- I. Call to Order: Mike Feldman (MF) called meeting to order at 7:17 PM. Mike was late due to setting up audio in the Great Hall for in-person participants. The gavel fell after introductions.
- II. Introductions: While waiting for MF to join we started introductions at 7:03 PM without him. The introductions and the Zoom participant list are what make up the participant list near the end of this document.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Todd Hunter (TH) moved to approve, Gina Pagliuso (GP) seconded. Approved via acclamation.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes: December 7, 2022. MF incorporated corrections pointed out by TH. TH moved to approve, Jeff Machota (JM) seconded. Approved via acclamation.
- V. Reports from Committees & Board:
 - a) Community Outreach: TH reports that committee meetings were moved from Thursdays to Mondays to accommodate Cope Crumpston (CC) & Lynn White (LW). Had elections with TH reelected as chair, Andrew Cardinal (AC) as secretary, and no one running for vice-chair. They will have tables set up the Farmers' Market and Friday Night Live events and are open to suggestions for setting up at other events.
 - b) Board of Directors: Vicki Niswander (VN) reports that he board moved forward with hiring a station manager. They also got a grant of \$10k from the Rotary Club of Champaign to replace the power supplies in the transmitter. They also got other grants from the Illinois Arts Council.
 - c) Treasurer's Report: Mark Niswander (MN) sent report attached to minutes. General overview: \$84k in savings, \$53k in checking [finish later after getting report]
 - d) Governance: GP updated the Board of Directors on this. HR report is included in the board report.
 - e) Programming: GP sent report attached to minutes. New open slots: Sunday 11-noon, Thursday 5:30-6 PM. Looking for new co-host for "In Communicad," will air Sunday afternoons from 3 to 4. Met regularly on Zoom Dec 13 through Feb 28. Asked those putting together content for the Digital Library to be mindful of cuss words and reminded airshifter that they need an Ongoing Indecency Waiver for such content and that the FCC Safe Harbor is 10 PM to 6 AM, which is the only time such content would be aired.
 - f) Music: TH reported no meeting in Feb. No report.
 - g) Digital Library: Bob Paleczny (BP) submitted attached report. BP and Bill (?) replaced transmitter exciter fan. Ongoing project to determine source of high reflected power readings. Required to wait for CAP messages for EAS for 10 seconds after receiving message over-the-air, will require a \$150 firmware upgrade for the ENDEC and must be installed by December. 4Q Sound Exchange report marked as complete. 1Q 2023 due on April 5. Issues with FCC website when filing

Online Public File but was filed successfully on Jan 10. Don Little assisting with ripping gospel musing into DL for a Zara Gospel playlist. Dave Vollenweider (DV) building test system for XMPP, VPN, backup and will implement if they work. Will try to get volunteer with experience with Apple products to work on the website.

h) Financial Development: VN sent letter for pre-spring Pledge Drive, March 10-21. Theme: “Why is WEFT Important to You?”

i) Remote Access Team: GP sent attached report. Things are stable, running 12 shows/week home-produced, 46 in studio. 26 shows covered by RAT members remotely. RAT will continue to support airshifTERS who choose to remain at home and request coverage either via Zara or through home-produced programming.

VI. Voting: Open nominations were for 3 seats on the Board of Directors (BoD). GP nominated Barb Trumpinski-Roberts (BTR), VN seconded. BP nominated himself for a 1-year term to replace the 2-year term he was on, GP seconded BP’s nomination. Both BP and BTR got 15 yes votes, zero no votes and thus were elected. AEC: After MF answered some questions from Zach Widup (ZW) about the duties of each role, he opened the floor for nominations. Kristi Rice (KR) nominated DV for secretary, Edwin Hadley (EH) seconded. ZW nominated himself for an at-large position. GP nominated Evelyn Underwood (EU), EH seconded. Mike also ran for reelection. All nominees got 12 yes votes, zero no votes and were voted in. No nominations for PC seat.

VIII. New Business: None

XI. Adjournment: At exhaustion of agenda at 8:30 PM.

Next meeting is Wednesday, June 7 @ 7 P.M. via Zoom.

WEFT treasurer report - March 2023**Current balances**

Savings account			\$83,912
Checking account			\$53,281
TD Ameritrade cash			\$1,823
PayPal			?

Stock

AAPL	686	\$145.91	\$100,094
PSEC	3000	\$7.32	\$21,960
<i>Total assets</i>			\$261,070

Monthly activity last 3 months**Income**

Anonomous stock donation	200 shrs AAPL	\$28,118
Rotary Club grant (tx power supplies)		\$10,000
Community Shares		\$694
Pasadena Community Foundation		\$5,000
Donations	Dec. \$4963, Jan. \$1857, Feb. \$1100	\$7,920
<i>Total</i>		\$51,732

Bills paid (monthly averages)

American Tower	\$805
Ameren (trnsmttr)	\$1,071
Ameren (studio)	\$166
Constellation	\$130
Comcast	\$325
Ameritech	\$85
DonorSnap	\$79
Urb/Chmpn Sanitary Distr	\$18

ABC Sanitary		\$30
Misc		\$91
	Total	\$2,800

Other significant expenses

Minuteman Press (mailing)	\$504
Lanz (tx A/C repair)	\$1,256
Martin Hood (taxes)	\$1,350
Dixon Graphics (T-shirts)	\$813
Bookkeeper	\$599
BMI	\$754
Illinois Broadcasters Assoc	\$175
Transmitter repair	\$320

Our budget of \$70,000 per year means that it costs \$8 per hour to operate the station. A \$40 annual membership literally pays for only 5 hours of operation.

PC Report for March 2, 2023 Associates' Meeting

New/Time Change Shows:

EcoJustice Radio – Sunday 11am-noon (open slot)
“En Comunidad” – Sunday 3-4pm. Mariana Ortega looking for a new co-host as Kelly Valle has moved out of town
Alternative Radio – will move to Wednesday 7-8pm once “En Comunidad” begins airing
Celtic Music Go Bragh Go Bragh – Juliet Youngren/Bruce Zimmerman co-hosting
Friday Forum – back on air mid-February thru late April Wednesday 6-7pm
Making Contact – Thursday 5:30-6pm (open slot)
Senor Blues – Craig Koslofsky hiatus until summer 2023. Thanks to Aaron Smith for subbing.
Atomic Age Cocktail Party – Jason Croft's new show on WILL that WEFT may carry

Special Programming:

Patrick Stewart's “A Christmas Carol” Monday Dec. 19 6-8pm
“The Goblin and the Gravedigger” Wednesday Dec. 15 5-6pm

Ended Shows:

Prairie Monk – mid January – thanks to Bill Saylor for keeping the show going
Magical Mystery Tour/On the Ground/Behind the News rotation Wednesday 6-7pm
CU At the Show – Wednesday 5:30-6pm

PC Membership/Open Seats:

One Associate-elected seat is available for election this evening and two BOD elected seats are available – please see Gina for BOD election procedure if interested.

PC working on:

Due to continued Covid-19 considerations, the PC has been conducting meetings via Zoom. The PC was able to meet regularly from Sept Dec 13, 2022 through Feb 28, 2023.

PC working with DLC and MC to bolster our Gospel collection and create a Zara Gospel playlist to cover Sunday mornings/Thursday evenings when needed.

“Jazz Intersections” 13 week Probationary Program was presented to Don Hittle on January 24.

Airshifter tracking tool – reminder emails went out to any Airshifter that has not attended two Associates' meetings in the past year (16 Airshifters) and all Airshifters in arrears with their membership dues (7 folks) on March 1 (21 meeting/10 dues prior to Dec 2022 meeting).

FCC Classroom training will be held on April 18 at 6:30pm via Zoom. Currently working on completion of booth training for folks that went through classroom training in October and Sunday morning guest co-hosts.

Reminders:

Please be aware of the content you're airing (or uploading to the Digital Library). Recently, there have been a "rash" of "cuss" words heard over the air (some nested in Zara playlists, some in Airshifter curated shows). FCC Safe Harbor is 10pm-6am – an Ongoing Indecency Waiver is required to air this type of content. Waiver applications (for PC consideration) are available on request.

PC Report for March 2, 2023 Associates' Meeting (con't.)

Current Open Show Time Slots:

Sunday

Freeform Overnight 4-6am
Open Format 11am-noon

Monday

Freeform Overnight midnight-6am
Monday Morning Menu 6-9am
Monday Morning Jazz 9-11:30am
World Beat 2-4pm

Tuesday

Freeform Overnight midnight-6:30am
World Beat 2-4pm

Wednesday

Freeform Overnight midnight-6am
Morning Menu 6-9am
The Courier 4-6pm (Excellent volunteer opportunity)
Open Format 7-8pm

Thursday

Freeform Overnight midnight-6am
World Beat 2-4pm
Open Format 5:30-6pm
Roots, Rock Reggae collective (3 weeks/month open)
Open Format 10pm-midnight

Friday

Freeform Overnight midnight-6am
Friday Morning Jazz 9-11:30am (pending Proposal)
The Courier 4-6pm (Excellent volunteer opportunity)
Blues Live Collective 8-10pm (2 week/month open)
Open Format 10pm-midnight

Saturday

Freeform Overnight midnight-6a

Open Format 8-10am (every other week)

Open Format 3-5pm

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.

Digital Library Committee – Report to Associates 3/2/23
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1. Engineering / IT - Part 1
 - a. American Tower removed keypad, WEFT regained access to tower enclosure
 - b. Exciter fan installed – Exciter cover reinstalled. Unit slid into transmitter
 - c. Concerns about gradual rise in reflected power over the last year
spreadsheets uploaded to DL Google Drive – Projects => Reflected Power
 - d. Emailed spreadsheets to PSI they called back with concerns
 - e. Where did new Bard AC unit come from? (noticed it was installed 1/23/23)
 - f. Listener complaint of poor signal in Oakland, IL, called talked to Mueth emailed SM
 - g. Grant money has arrived for Transmitter Power Supply upgrade (4 of them)
2. EAS - Emergency Alert System:
 - a. Form One Submitted before 2/28/23 deadline
 - b. SAGE will have new firmware available in June – Cost = \$150
 - c. Will support CAP (Common Alerting Protocol) and 10 second lag time
 - d. FCC requires CAP compliance by December 2023
3. Sound Exchange:
 - a. WEFT Complete for 4th Qtr. '22 – ATH = 1511
 - b. 1st Qtr '23 report due 4/5/23
 - c. 2-week reporting period 2/5/23 – 2/18/23 initial upload of Spintron playlist
 - d. Viastreaming - have file trimmed to 2 weeks plus
4. FCC:
 - a. FCC site problems – website still warns of Online Public File issues
 - b. Next Issues & Programs due 4/10/23
5. Library ripping /archiving
 - a. January 2023 collecting done
 - b. Need to finish archiving Remote shows on Zara/Spintron Computer
 - c. Thanks to Don Hittle – working on Zara Gospel
6. Monitoring System
 - a. Dave Vollenweider is point man on new FCC EAS requirements
 - b. emailed Carbondale Community Station info and support
 - c. Dave V. working on a test VPN server and a test XMPP messaging server
7. Website
 - a. Have a volunteer who works with Apple devices
 - b. Removed years of commented out sections to clean up html

RAT (Remote Access Team) Report for March 2, 2023 Associates' Meeting

As of February 27, 2023, 12 shows per week were being home-produced and 42 shows per week were being produced in-studio. The balance of 26 shows per week was being covered by RAT member remote operations (Courier/Informational programming/Zara).

As of January 30, 2023 12/42/26

As of January 9, 2023 12/43/25

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