

WEFT Associates Meeting Draft Minutes

Thursday, September 7, 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 7:04 PM
- II. Introductions: This and the Zoom participant list make up the participant list at the end of this document.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Gina Pagliuso (GP) moved to approve, Ian Hammond (IH) seconded. Approved at 7:22 PM.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes: Deferred until December's meeting due to issues getting an accurate attendance list and difficulty editing.
- V. Reports from Committees & Board:
  - a) Station Manager: Eric Bohan (EB) reports that WEFT has two new underwriters. Summer appeal generated \$7k. Thanked Denise Curia (DC) and Kristy Rice (KR) for running the table at the Farmers' Market and Todd Hunter (TH) for helping out with Friday Night Live & events at Douglas Park. Eat for WEFT raised \$97 and would like to get local restaurants involved. If anyone knows of any who would, contact Eric.
  - b) Board of Directors/Financial Development: Vicki Niswander (VN) gave the BoD and Financial Development reports. Bands, advertising ready for WEFTFest on Oct 1. Need volunteers, particularly during setup from 11 to 1 and tear down from 6 to 7. Asked anyone who would be there anyway and can do so to donate a couple of hours.
  - c) Treasurer's Report: See attached report for details. Mark Niswander (MN) reports \$59k in savings, \$36k in checking.
  - d) Governance: No report.
  - e) Programming: GP sent attached report. Micela Kaufmann switched to every other week for her Saturday night show. EB doing his new show, "Wait, What?" on opposite weeks. Also has two new shows for Thursday nights, "WEFT ReSessions" and "First Time Ever." Cope Cumpston (CC) started a new public affairs show on Wednesday evenings, "Catch the Beat on Market Street" and is looking to turn it into a collective. IH moved "Night Moves" to every other Friday from 10 PM to midnight. "Friday Forum" starts Wed Sept 20 and goes until the end of November then will pick up again in spring semester.
  - f) Music: Anthony Santarelli (AS) gave report. Blues finished culling for the year, culling in general is an ongoing project. Some concern over how much weight the CDs and records in the attic are putting on its floor. Looking into how to dispose of CDs responsibly without breaking the budget.
  - g) Digital Library: Bob Paleczny (BP) gave report, full report attached. Streaming fully switched over to Broadcast Tool & Die from viaStreaming. Replaced all 4 transmitter power supplies on Labor Day, thanks to Zach Widup, Bill Taylor, Dave Vollenweider EB for help. Waiting on firmware upgrade for EAS encoder/decoder. National Periodic Test on Oct 4. Please don't mess with

the stereo for the outside speakers; may move to office. Will have new code for front door lock. Please report issues such as tripping a circuit breaker. New CD player is in. Issues with volume during Zara and other prerecorded shows; home-produced and outside public affairs shows tend to be too soft while Zara tends to be too loud.

h) Remote Access Team: GP reports that there was a 5-minute dead-air glitch back in early July due to an airshifter who was trying to set up a Zara playlist. All is well otherwise. Still handling 20-25 shows a week with 14 home-produced shows. Thanks to all RAT members who helped out while GP was on vacation.

i) Community Outreach: DC reported that EB covered most of what the committee did. EB wants more people outside of Community Outreach to volunteer at events that WEFT is at.

VI. Voting: No nominations so no votes took place.

VIII. New Business: No new business.

XI. Adjournment: Approved correct attendance list. No motion to adjourn was necessary as we reached the end of the list of items. Meeting ended at 8:35 PM.

Next meeting is Wednesday, December 6 @ 7 PM via Zoom.

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

Savings account			\$58,917
checking account			\$36,084
TD Ameritrade/Schwab cash			\$12,138
PNC CD1 (3.25% yield at 8 mo)			\$5,055
PNC CD2			\$20,109
PNC CD3			\$25,136
PayPal			\$23
	<i>Total</i>		\$157,462

<i>Stock</i>			
AAPL	636	\$177.56	\$112,928
PSEC	3000	\$5.95	\$17,850
	<i>Total stock value</i>		\$130,778
	<i>Total assets</i>		\$189,695

**Monthly activity***Income*

Donations	June*	\$41,290
	July	\$7,351
	August	\$4,766
	September	\$320
2023 Summer Appeal (final)		\$7,299
FY 2023		

**Monthly Bills**

<b>American Tower</b>	\$805
<b>Ameren (trnsmttr)</b>	\$953
<b>Ameren (studio)</b>	\$205
<b>Constellation</b>	\$104
<b>Comcast</b>	\$329
<b>Ameritech</b>	\$85
<b>DonorSnap</b>	\$79
<b>Health ins stipend</b>	\$250
<b>Paychex TPS taxes</b>	\$486

<b>Paychex EIB invoice</b>		\$37
<b>Paychex payroll</b>		\$1,135
<b>ABC Sanitary</b>		\$30
<b>Illinois American Water</b>		\$36
Grassroots Radio Conf.	(annual)	\$687
Koahnic Broadcasting Corp.	(annual)	\$540
Zoom	(annual)	\$150
Robesons/Adams (billboard)	(annual)	\$175
SESAC	(annual)	\$189
Misc		\$183
	Total	\$6,458

*Notes*

\*In June, an anonymous donor gave \$39,000 to cover the first-year station manager salary plus other employment expenditures.

Monthly bills noted in bold are relatively constant from month-to-month.

## **PC Report for Sept 7, 2023 Associates' Meeting**

### New/Time Change Shows:

Mic's Bag – schedule change from every Saturday 6-8pm to every other Saturday  
Eric Bohlen – WEFT Re-Sessions Thursday 10-11pm began July 27  
Eric Bohlen – First Time Ever Thursday 11pm-midnight began July 27  
Eric Bohlen – Wait, What? Alternating Saturdays began July 29  
Cope Cumpston – Catch the Beat from Market Street (PA collective) beginning Wednesday Sept. 13 5:30-6pm (will run for four weeks then regroup)  
Przemek Bosak - Frame Noise beginning Wednesday Sept 13 7-8pm  
Ian Hammond – Night Moves moving to 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 10pm-midnight Sept 15  
Friday Forum – starting up again September 20 Wednesday 6-7pm

### Special Programming:

None this quarter

### Ended Shows:

Magical Mystery Tour/On the Ground/Behind the News rotation Wednesday 6-7pm

### PC Membership/Open Seats:

One Associate-elected seat is available for election this evening and three BOD elected seats are available – please see Gina for BOD election procedure if interested. Many thanks to Kristy Rice for her service on the PC – she's decided not to run for re-election at this time.

### PC working on:

The PC has continued holding meetings via Zoom. The PC was able to meet regularly from June 13, 2023 through August 22, 2023 (one meeting not called to order due to lack of quorum in the quarter).

Airshifter tracking tool – reminder emails went out to any Airshifter that has not attended two Associates' meetings in the past year (14 Airshifters) and all Airshifters in arrears with their membership dues (8 folks) on June 3 (16 meeting/9 dues prior to June 2023 meeting).

FCC Classroom training will be held on Oct 15 at 3:00pm in the Great Hall. Booth training for interested folks from the June training class is complete. Most attendees did not follow-up with booth training.

### Reminders:

Reminder – please begin and end your shows on-time, for the folks listening on-demand and as a courtesy to the Airshifter before and after your show (or the RAT team). Please clean up after yourselves and return the booth to a “habitable” condition before leaving. If any changes are made to

players/volume, etc – please return to their original condition prior to leaving the booth. Please close the booth door when on-air.

**PC Report for Sept 7, 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)  
RPM or Open Format 8-10pm (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of the month)

**Thursday**

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

**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)  
RPM or Open Format 10pm-midnight (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> weeks of the month)

**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](http://new.weft.org/about/show_proposal.html) and may be emailed to programming@weft.org.

## WEFT Digital Library Associates Report Zoom Meeting 7:00 – 9/8/2023

Streaming – Finished conversion from Viastreaming to Broadcast Tool & Die

a. Stopped Paypal payments to Viastreaming

b. Dave Vollenweider changed Nagios alerts from ShoutCAST to BUTT  
Fault Lights at transmitter in August – Reset button cleared (Power & Drive)

Transmitter powered down for Mediacom climbers on Friday 8/18/23

4 Transmitter Power Supplies installed 9/4/23 – old returned 9/6/23

EAS – Sage/Endec Firmware now available late Oct? (\$159)

a. needed installed by December 12, 2023

b. National Periodic Test scheduled for 2:20 PM Wednesday Oct 4

Sound Exchange – 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Report said Complete via Jeff Cabiness email

Gina volume issues on Zara/Spinitron desktop apps 8/13

Machota – Zara Jazz playlist issues 8/14

VNC outage morning Friday 8/25/23 lost remote connection to Zara computer

Dead Air – 4:00 AM Sunday 8/27/23 – Ed had trouble logging on

Gina – outside speaker volume too loud issues, timer unplugged. Today static

Keypad purchased for Front Door, new code soon

Basement handrail installed and stairwell painted – Eric 8/21

Front Studio – Cope sparked AC outlet Sun 8/13 – Eric had fixed 8/14

New Gemini CD Player – file naming issues worked out on USB drives

Website Updates – Google Calendar changes - Public Affairs shows uploaded

a. PC minutes now on website, new shows = new pages



## **RAT (Remote Access Team) Report for September 7, 2023 Associates' Meeting**

As of August 28, 2023, 14 shows per week were being home-produced and 44 shows per week were being produced in-studio. The balance of 25 shows per week was being covered by RAT member remote operations (Courier/Informational programming/Zara).

As of July 24, 2023 13/43/26

As of June 27, 2023 13/43/26

Dead air (5 minutes) on July 8 (9pm) – possible RAT issue when setting up a playlist while another home-produced show was airing.

VNC had a major outage on August 25 – no remote operations. Bob went into the station and made the jazz switch around 10am. Remote ops restored mid-afternoon. No other programming was affected.

Dead air (25 minutes) on August 27 – RAT team member had issues logging into the booth computer.

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.

2023-09-07 WEFT Associates meeting attendees:

Eric Bohlen

Przemyslaw Bosak

Rich Bressler

Andrew Cardinal

Lorri Coey

Jeanie Covert (Jaye)

Cope Cumpston

Denise Curia

Kevin Elliott

Mike Feldman

Jason Finkelman

Ian Hammond

Michael Hill

Don Hittle

Shaun Mills

Paul Mueth

Mark Mulcahey

Mark Niswander

Vicki Niswander

Gina Pagliuso

Bob Paleczny

Kristy Rice

Anthony Santarelli (not Cartolano?)

Bill Saylor

Barb Trumpinski

Rev.Dr.Evelyn Underwood

Dave Vollenweider

Zack Widup

Excused:

Edwin Hadley

## WEFT Associates Committee Meeting Minutes

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Todd Hunter

Craig Koslofsky

Jeff Machota

Richard Schoell

Lynn White

Jeff Zolitor