

**Held 5 September 2024, 7-9 PM CDT online via Zoom <https://zoom.us> ID: 811 895 6459**

**7:07 Call to Order**

Evelyn Underwood (Chair) called the meeting to order.

**7:08 Introductions**

Chair introduced herself then called attendees to do so. We had quorum.

**7:24 Approval of the Agenda**

Gina Pagliuso moved to approve; Jeff Machota seconded; approved.

**7:25 Approval of the Minutes**

Jeff Machota moved to approve the June 5, 2024 draft minutes; Rich Bressler seconded; some discussion of details; approved.

**7:40 Reports****7:26 Station Manager's Report**

Eric Bohlen (Station Manager) reported that the adjacent building (nee Monk's) is on hold with city and power company issues, but still plan to have retail space plus an apartment.

The coming weekend is the last "The Beat" entertainment district with Friday Nite Live.

Next year is the 50th Anniversary of Prairie Air, Inc.; there were several years of planning before WEFT's first FM broadcast, including providing audio feed for cable channel and Uofl dorms.

There is a WEFT smartphone app in development. Spintron is offering playlist automation.

WEFT is working with two Uofl student groups; Office of Experiential Learning, who are trying to identify actual listenership. Also a group associated with the American Advertising Federation to help with promotions.

**7:35 Board of Directors Report**

Vicki Niswander (Board Chair) reported that there are two new member-elected board members: Mitch Marlow, and Donte Winslow.

**7:36 Treasurer's Report**

Mark Niswander shared his treasurer's report and went over balances, income and outlays for the quarter. Gina Pagliuso asked about Smile Politely payments, which are for promotions; Vicki reports that half of recent trainee group learned of WEFT from Smile Politely.

**7:43 Governance and HR Committee Reports**

Vicki Niswander reported that the revised by-laws effort is moving slowly and needs review. She needs to post the very long document that compares current by-laws to the proposed. No HR report.

**7:44 Programming Committee Report**

Gina Pagliuso reported changes in the program schedule; see attached report below.

**7:52 Music Committee Report**

Bob Paleczny explained the Music Committee meeting schedule and culling of the CD collection. Kevin Elliott and Barb Trumpinski-Roberts did a massive cull of the folk and country collections. The old culled CD collection is growing; CDs are hard to recycle; WEFT fest is an opportunity to offer old CDs for a donation.

**7:57 Digital Library Report**

Bob Paleczny reported on the Sound Exchange reporting period, intermittent static problem, Studio-to-Transmitter link relocation, transmitter reflected power issue, FCC Public File, power outage at the studio, security cameras, Radio Data System text stream, and website security certificate.

The Station Manager got some pro radio engineers to visit the transmitter site and take measurements to advise on the static issue; Paul Mueth asked about this versus our aging Optimod (FM Multiplex generator), and there was an extended discussion of the technical issues.

**8:12 Financial Development Report**

Vicki Niswander reported about the WEFT Fest plan with help from Seven Saints, four bands, some city funding, and the street setup. That kicks off fall fund-raising drive. The Underwriting flier was revised, and Eric is working to get new underwriters. A grant proposal was submitted to the Community Foundation to get a new Optimod. They are also planing a grant request for new STL when the new hotel blocks the microwave link.

**8:19 Remote Access Team Report**

Gina Pagliuso provided a written report (attached below). Gina said remote operations continued in a stable fashion. Bob Paleczny reminded us to renew WEFT's VNC subscription, and keep up the good work.

**8:21 Community Outreach Report**

Kristy Rice reported tabling at the farmer's market, Friday Nite Live, and goodie bags for quad day. New trainees have bolstered the committee looking for volunteer opportunities. Mentioned reviving the WEFT Review, and increase social media.

**8:26 Comments**

Vicki Niswander added that there will be a parking lot fund raiser for a Uofl football game.

**8:29 Voting**

There are no open seats on AEC; the BoD is at 9 members and the PC chair's term is expiring.

**8:30 Voting - Board of Directors**

Vicki Niswander described explained how to run through the board. There were no nominations.

**8:51 Voting - Programming Committee**

Gina Pagliuso nominates Marleen Hendrickx; Marleen accepts (second).

Mike Feldman nominates Gina Pagliuso; Gina accepts (second).

The candidates make statements, accept questions and endorsements.

**8:59 New Business**

Dave Vollenweider is looking into adding a security camera system, and wanted the sense of the Associates as to adding a camera to cover the entrance vestibule, and additionally a second camera that would cover the lobby. Dave and Bob Paleczny want to store camera footage on a WEFT-owned computer rather than using a commercial service. They are not proposing cameras for the Great Hall or the front booth.

The question of turning over footage to law enforcement came up; Mike Feldman suggested that it be at the discretion of the Station Manager; Gina suggested that the BoD should develop an explicit policy.

Also discussed was camera coverage by the City and other businesses on Market street.

#### **9:00 Election Results**

Vicki Niswander reported that both Marleen Hendrickx elected and Gina Pagliuso was re-elected to the Programming Committee with no votes cast against either.

#### **9:02 New business - Meet in Person**

The Chair raised the question of resuming in-person meetings or hybrid in-person plus online meetings, possibly starting with the December meeting, which could also serve as a holiday gathering. Venues for in-person meetings were discussed along with issues of public transportation, parking, space rental fees and closing time.

The sense of the associates was to continue meeting online with Zoom, and not to combine a business meeting with a holiday gathering.

#### **9:08 Agenda Complete - adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at the completion of the agenda.

The next Associates meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 4 December 2024, 7-9 PM online via Zoom.

**PC Report for Sept 5, 2024 Associates' Meeting**New/Time Change Shows:

Incoming Wounded – Sunday midnight – 4am has reduced to 3 hours/week - Ed Hadley  
Lost in the Library – Sunday 11am-noon – Jackson Vaughan  
Catch the Beat – Wednesday 5:30-6pm July 3, 10, 17, 24; Sept 4, 11, 18, 25 – Cope Cumpston  
Eco-Justice Radio Wednesdays – 6-7pm (while FF on hiatus)  
Friday Forum rebroadcasts begin on Sept 18 – thru winter break  
Jazz Silhouette – Friday 9-11:30am – Britta Langsjoen (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays)  
Whirled Waves – Friday 3-4pm (while Craig on sabbatical thru mid-June 2025), then Thursday 2-4 - Marleen Hendrickx

Note – Kirk Hard has moved to be closer to family. Tuesday Courier id being covered by RAT

Special Programming:

Catch the Beat – see above

Ended Shows:

Wednesday four syndicated show rotation (6-7pm) will end on Sept.18 when FF picks back up (BTN, MMT, OTG, Eco Justice)

PC Membership/Open Seats:

Two Associate-elected seats are available for election this evening and three BOD elected seats are available – please see Gina for BOD election procedure if interested. Gina's term expires tonight.

PC working on:

The PC has continued holding meetings via Zoom. Meetings have been held (mostly) regularly throughout the quarter.

Airshifter tracking tool – reminder emails went out to any Airshifter that has not attended two Associates' meetings in the past year (11 Airshifters) and all Airshifters in arrears with their membership dues (6 folks) on June 3 (6 meeting/3 dues prior to June 2024 meeting).

Airshifter training – approx. 12 trainees attended August 18 FCC training. Booth trainings have been completed for most of the trainees.

Preliminary discussions regarding the broadcast of 90 second “good news” drop-ins. Possible Pacifica programming “GoodNews GoodPlanet”(new clips twice/week)

PC has begun emailing new/changed on-air programming highlights to wefto

Probationary Reviews:

PC working on Probationary review for Lovely Lo-Fi (Saturday 6-8pm - Kaitrin Higbee)  
**PC Report for Sept 5, 2024 Associates' Meeting (con't.)**

Current Open Show Time Slots:

**Sunday**

Open Format 3-6am

Celtic Music Go Bragh Go Bragh 6-8pm (alternating weeks)

**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

The Courier 4-5:30pm (Excellent volunteer opportunity)

**Wednesday**

Freeform Overnight midnight-6am

Morning Menu 6-9am

The Courier 4-5:30pm (Excellent volunteer opportunity)

Open Format 8-10pm (2<sup>nd</sup> week) – currently Zara RPM

**Thursday**

Freeform Overnight midnight-6am

World Beat (until June 2025) 2-4pm

Informational Format 5:30-6pm

Roots, Rock Reggae collective (3 weeks/month open)

**Friday**

Freeform Overnight midnight-6am

The Courier 4-5:30pm (Excellent volunteer opportunity)

Blues Live Collective 8-10pm (2 weeks/month open)

Open Format 10pm-midnight (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> weeks) – currently Zara RPM

**Saturday**

Freeform Overnight midnight-8a

Open Format 8-10am (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> weeks alternating with Higher Ground) – currently Peace Talk Radio, Economic Update, Counterspin

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](mailto:programming@weft.org).

## **RAT (Remote Access Team) Report for September 5, 2024 Associates' Meeting**

As of Aug 26, 2024, 13 shows per week were being home-produced and 46 shows per week were being produced in-studio. The balance of 23 shows per week was being covered by RAT member remote operations (Courier/Informational programming/Zara).

As of July 23, 2024 13/49/20

As of June 24, 2024 13/50/19

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.

2024-09-05 WEFT Associates Meeting attendees:

Eric Bohlen  
Przemyslaw Bosak  
Anthony Boyd  
Richard Bressler  
Clara Bright  
Herbert Burnett  
Lorri Coey  
Cope Cumpston  
Denise Curia  
Kevin Elliott  
Rick Esbenshade  
Mike Feldman  
Indranil Gupta  
Edwin Hadley  
Marleen Hendrickx  
Matt Henshaw  
Kristen Holtz  
Jeff Machata  
Paul Meuth  
Mark Niswander  
Vicki Niswander  
Gina Pagliuso  
Bob Paleczny  
Kristy Rice  
Ben Theobald  
Evelyn Underwood  
Dave Vollenwieder  
Chandrelle "Constant" Walker  
Zack Widup  
Dave Witzany

Excused absences:

Ian Hammond  
Jennine Covert  
Richard Schoell  
Todd Hunter