

Attending: Shaun Higgins (presiding), Emily Geddes (minutes), Becka Shelley, Terrie Ashby-Scott, Katy Durning, Gary Stokes (General Manager), Cary Balzer (Program Director)

Attending by phone: Marvo Reguindin

Public attendees: None

Opening Business

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:10. Marvo called in at 4:20. Shaun noted that Leo Stevens has resigned from the CAB due to time constraints and expressed appreciation for his service.

After a motion by Emily and a second by Katy, the outstanding minutes from the 6/9/16 and 9/8/16 meetings were approved. They will be forwarded to Dawn to be posted on the KSPS website, in compliance with the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) requirements.

Shaun noted that there are gaps in the CAB minutes posted online. *[Note: Currently, only the June, July and September minutes from 2015 and the January minutes from 2016 are posted online.]* Marvo will forward his copies of previous minutes to Shaun and Gary. Gary and Shaun also indicated that they will review their emails for any missing minutes.

Shaun asked all CAB members to review the bylaws prior to the next meeting in preparation for discussing any possible updates or changes. A copy of the bylaws is attached.

Review of Applicants

The board discussed two applicants: Consuelo Larrabee and Bob Morrison. Consuelo attended the September CAB meeting. Shaun will contact her references within the week. Terrie moved to accept Consuelo onto the board pending positive references; Katy seconded. The vote was unanimously affirmative.

Bob Morrison of Calgary recently termed out of the Governing Board. Shaun met Bob at the most recent Governing Board meeting. Gary affirms his dependability and value to the Board over the past several years. Emily moved and Terrie seconded his acceptance onto the CAB. The vote was unanimously affirmative.

Shaun will contact both new CAB members and invite them to attend the November meeting.

General Manager Report

Gary briefly outlined the new, more detailed Communication Act Compliance requirements regarding the CAB and indicated that the CAB passes all requirements “with flying colors.” This annual filing process certifies that KSPS has plans to be compliant for the next two years.

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While the CPB funding bill has passed appropriations committees in both houses, congressional funding will likely not be completed until after the election on November 8.

The spectrum auction is drawing to a close, with fewer bidders and less money offered than expected. While KSPS elected not to participate in the auction, there will be complications working around repacking other stations in both the United States and Canada. Gary will continue to update the CAB on progress.

The CAB congratulated Gary on his recent election to the PBS National Board. His three-year term will be effective October 28.

As next year is the 50th anniversary of KSPS, the president/CEO of PBS, Paula Kerger, will be visiting in April. Look for additional information on events planned to recognize this landmark.

Two Pullman stations, KWSU and KTMW, are no longer broadcast partners with KSPS. However, WSU-Spokane will be taking over University of Washington's channel 16 at the end of the year.

The launch date for PBS Kids 24/7 is still open-ended. Additional equipment is needed and additional fees will be required as well. Both Idaho and Oregon Public Broadcasting will also be launching PBS Kids 24/7 sometime next year.

Program Manager Report

Cary mentioned that PBS Kids will be premiering a new Jim Henson show, *Splash & Bubbles*, on November 23. The show, aimed at ages 2-5, focuses on marine biology and ocean sciences, with themes of diversity, interconnectedness, and individuality. The show will air Monday through Friday at 10:00. *Sesame Street* will move to 10:30 and *Peg + Cat* will move to 2:30, replacing the second broadcast of *Curious George*. Notifications are being aired now to inform viewers of the schedule changes.

Other upcoming programs of note include the eight-part series *Victoria* about Queen Victoria; an eight-part series called *Soundbreaking* that covers musical innovation and experimentation over the past century; a chronicle of the African American experience since 1965 entitled *Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise*; and two specials for the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Continuing or returning series include *Poldark*, *Mercy Street*, and *Indian Summers*. Please see the attached notes compiled by Cary for more detail.

The BBC Showcase was held recently. Cary will review the catalog and pricing sheet to determine which programs to purchase. He noted that the majority of our acquisitions occur in November and December.

Roundtable Discussion

Emily mentioned that she was impressed by the Ken Burns documentary *Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War*. Becca asked about the possibility of having Ken Burns visit for a fundraising event. Gary commented that it is difficult to get on his calendar. He is more likely to visit if he is working on or has already done a project in that area. From Gary's previous experience in Alabama, he noted that it is also expensive to underwrite such an event.

Rick Steves is a willing and enthusiastic guest for pledging, able to bring in \$100,000 on a good night; however, scheduling has proven difficult this year.

Cary noted that more intense content is subject to "safe harbor" rules and generally airs no earlier than 10:00 p.m. to keep the evenings more family-friendly. Sometimes this can be stretched to 9:00 p.m. Pacific Time because both our Canadian and Montanan viewers are an hour later in the Mountain Time Zone. Also, KSPS strives to avoid even many kinds of "cartoon violence" in its kids programming to ensure child-friendly viewing.

Katy mentioned that Wild Kratts, including both the PBS show and the iPad app, is a favorite of her children.

Shaun relayed a conversation he had with the woman who cut his hair recently. She and her young son watch the PBS Create channel frequently, including many evenings when she knows it will be "safe" programming for her son. She was enthusiastic about PBS Kids 24/7 and mentioned the show *Dinosaur Train* as a favorite, as well as *Saturday Night Cinema*.

Other Items

Gary encouraged CAB members to ask those with whom they converse regarding KSPS, particularly those who express enthusiasm for the programming, if they are members of KSPS. He also expressed his appreciation to the CAB members for their time, feedback, and input.

The next CAB meeting will be Thursday, November 10, at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35.

Action items

All CAB members: continue gathering feedback on programming from friends, family, community members and looking for potential projects/needs to fill; review CAB bylaws and prepare for discussion at November meeting

Marvo: send copies of previous meeting minutes to Shaun and Gary for inclusion on the website

Shaun: contact Consuelo's references; invite new CAB members to November meeting; identify which minutes are missing from the website, search for and forward copies of missing minutes for inclusion on the website