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WSRE Announces New Board Leadership and Directors

Pensacola, Fla. — WSRE, PBS for the Gulf Coast, announced its new foundation board leadership and new directors, who will serve during the 2014-2015 year, at its annual meeting on July 16.

Michael Johnson, former vice-chair, serves as the new chair of the foundation; Stephen Holman, former secretary, serves as the new vice-chair; and Dr. Henry “Jack” Pruett is the new secretary of the foundation.

The following lists all new and returning WSRE TV Foundation, Inc. board officers and members:

Officers

Michael Johnson, Chair
Stephen Holman, Vice-Chair
Sandy Sims, Past Chair
Dr. Henry “Jack” Pruett, DDS, Secretary
Karen Pope, Treasurer
Sandy Cesaretti Ray, Executive Director

Emeritus Members

Curtis Flower
Gary Leutchman
Elba W. Robertson

Board of Directors

Gerald Adcox
Tracy Andrews
Bobby Emmons
Sheila Hale
Ashton Hayward
Stephen Holman
Jesse Ihns
Rick Lambert
Ann Lemox
Joe Lovoy
Jane Merrill
Pat Mills Benjamin
Tammi Moftaqir
Peg Nickelsen
Rev. Carl Reeves
Andy Remke

Board of Directors, cont.

Mallory Studer
Dona Usry
Tiffany Washington
Frank White, PSC Board of Trustees
Dr. Edwin Yee

Friends of the Board

Sally Bussell Fox
Chris Kelly
Jan Miller
Ron Miller
Randy Oxenham
Dr. Megan Benson Pratt
Patricia Windham

Also during the annual meeting, Emeritus Member Elba Robertson was named as the second honoree of the Elba Robertson Lifetime Advocacy Award established in her name in 2011. The award is bestowed upon individuals who demonstrate a true commitment and passion for public broadcasting in their communities. The first recipient of the award, given posthumously, was to longtime WSRE supporter, John Alderfer.

“Throughout her many years of leadership and dedicated service to the station, Elba has always exemplified the characteristics of a truly committed and effective volunteer leader and benefactor. She gives generously of her time and resources to WSRE, and has also been very instrumental in securing the station’s most substantial gifts which have resulted in significant advancements,” said WSRE Station Manager Sandy Ray. “It was our great privilege to surprise her with this honor.”

The WSRE TV Foundation, Inc. was established in 1991 as a direct support organization of Pensacola State College to support the activities and capital and operating needs of WSRE, the area’s local public broadcasting TV station.

PHOTO CAPTION: Outgoing Board Chair Sandy Sims of Niceville passed the gavel to Mike Johnson of Pensacola during the annual meeting of the WSRE TV Foundation on July 16.

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About WSRE, PBS for the Gulf Coast

WSRE is a PBS member station that is locally owned and licensed to the Pensacola State College Board of Trustees operating as a service of Pensacola State College. The public broadcasting station has been serving the needs of the Gulf Coast community through programming, educational services and outreach since 1967. WSRE produces, acquires and distributes programs that address local interests and reflect the diverse cultural, political, geographic and demographic characteristics of its audience. The Educational Services unit for WSRE serves as the connection to teachers, parents, caregivers and children to extend the rich resources found in public television. For more information about WSRE, its services, programs or available resources, visit wsre.org.

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