Partnerships in Action





A Message from President & CEO Mark Vogelzang and Board Chair Hank Schmelzer

It has been a remarkable year for us as MPBN's new CEO and new Chair of the Board of Trustees – we're so very pleased to report that 2012 has been a decidedly fruitful one for the Maine Public Broadcasting Network. Looking back over the past year's challenges and accomplishments, the theme of *partnership* has emerged again and again and has served as the engine for all the good work that has been done.

Our partnership with you as listeners/viewers/advocates of our programming has been extraordinary. We're pleased to report that membership revenue and financial support

have been very strong despite economic challenges and uncertainties facing Maine, New England, and the nation. In fact, we increased our member support by \$290,000 in FY12! We can't say enough of how the support detailed in the pages of this report have kept MPBN strong and growing, as well as preparing MPBN for success in the future.

This past year the level of engagement through viewer and listener input, social media, and community outreach itself grew stronger than ever and has created an ongoing dialogue that we highly appreciate and value. We worked harder to be responsive and meet your expectations, as well as truly listen to what you're interested in. We put in place an extensive member and listener survey to better understand listening habits and preferences. And over 3,000 of you took the time to respond! Not only is that significant, but it speaks to how vested each of you are in MPBN.

And like a good partner, we listened! Our audience voiced a strong desire for more news and information focusing on Maine, and we were able to put the resources and talent to delivering on that request. The result? The launch of our newest radio show, *Maine Calling* weekdays at noon, and an infusion of energy into *Maine Watch* and *Maine Things Considered*. And we continue to listen. We regularly examine our programming on radio, television and online to deliver the variety and high quality programming that our audiences have come to expect.

A large part of our commitment is to deliver on the expected programming that we offer – NPR News, children's PBS programming, high school basketball coverage, *Maine Arts!* programming, *Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!*, and more – and to wow our viewers and listeners with the unexpected like *Downton Abbey*, *Doc Martin* and the Britcoms. We believe the past year has witnessed some of the finest programming we have ever offered to date.

The impact made by MPBN programs and services is strengthened thanks to the partnerships forged with area nonprofits, media organizations, the MPBN Community Advisory Board, educational institutions and community-minded businesses. Our work with organizations like the Maine Community Foundation, the Good Shepherd Food Bank, the Portland Symphony Orchestra, the Lewiston-Auburn Film Festival, and the Portland Museum of Art (among many others) allowed us to more fully connect with communities across Maine. We recognize that our involvement in local communities across Maine is critical and strongly believe that foundations built in the past year will serve as outstanding opportunities for future collaborations.

We have worked closely with the Maine Legislature and Governor LePage and have found common ground and mutual understanding as financial constraints on Maine are weighed against the impact and utility that MPBN and our statewide infrastructure have on the state. These discussions are ongoing and are done in the spirit of cooperation and respect.

And looking ahead to 2013, we're thrilled that a new Strategic Plan will be announced in 2013, the result of a collaboration between MPBN's Board of Trustees and the MPBN staff. Each group has worked hand in hand to identify the challenges MPBN is facing and to develop a plan to deliver significant growth for MPBN. Continuing our emphasis on delivering more and better journalism, and capitalizing on the rise of digital communication strategies are where MPBN is headed. We are poised for exciting times ahead!

Finally, all the great partnerships that we are involved in each day are predicated on the daily efforts of our talented and innovative staff and volunteers. We are both amazed at the level of dedication and professionalism that each of our employees brings to MPBN each day. Thank you!

In partnership,

Mark Vogelzang, President & CEO

Henry L. P. Schmelzer, Chair, Board of Trustees

Cover: Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!

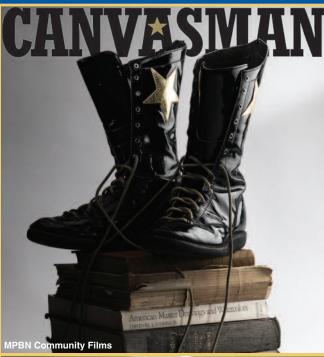
MPBN special event at Merrill Auditorium on August 9, 2012 with the audience sporting special Carl Kasell fans to surprise the NPR show's host.





Maine Arts! Presents Poetry Out Loud









In Your Community



Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2012

| | FY2012 | Comparison FY2011 |
|--|---|---|
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,441,371 | \$ 1,198,872 |
| Cash and short term investments for CIF | 350,727 | 349,563 |
| Accounts receivable | 293,288 | 414,836 |
| Pledges receivable within one year | 1,537,986 | 1,417,820 |
| Prepaid expenses | 139,713 | 119,418 |
| Total Current Assets | 3,763,085 | 3,500,509 |
| Property and Equipment | | |
| Land improvements | 259,978 | 259,978 |
| Building and improvements | 4,417,344 | 4,500,783 |
| Broadcast equipment (exclude DTV) | 11,366,320 | 10,185,274 |
| Broadcast equipment (for DTV) | 10,700,915 | 10,700,915 |
| HD Radio equipment | 791,476 | 791,476 |
| Office equipment and furniture | 2,736,482 | 3,040,045 |
| Automotive equipment | 550,346 | 609,551 |
| Automotive equipment | 30,822,861 | 30,088,022 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation (exclude DTV) | (14,581,149) | (14,084,262) |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation (for DTV) | (7,603,743) | (7,163,021) |
| Total Property and Equipment | 8,637,969 | 8,840,739 |
| Other Assets Unemployment compensation deposit Investments Pledges receivables after one year Total Other Assets | 19,801 3,934,573 495,000 4,449,374 | 19,791 4,076,908 540,000 4,636,699 |
| Total Assets | \$ 16,850,428 | \$ 16,977,947 |
| Current Liabilities Accounts payable Accrued expenses Total Current Liabilities | \$ 263,877 613,328 877,205 | \$ 71,508 556,989 628,497 |
| Long-Term Liabilities | | |
| Accrued post-retirement benefits | 109,264 | 116,864 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 986,469 | \$ 745,361 |
| Total Net Assets, Beginning of Year | 16,232,586 | 15,473,227 |
| Adjusted Change in Assets | (368,627) | 759,359 |
| Total Net Assets, End of Year | 15,863,959 | 16,232,586 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$ 16,850,428 | \$ 16,977,947 |

Schedule of Revenues and Expenses

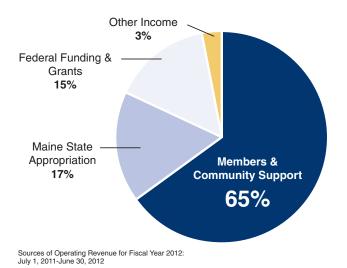
As of June 30, 2012

| | FY2012 | Comparison FY2011 |
|--|---------------|----------------------|
| Operating Revenues and Support | | |
| Membership | \$ 4,329,862 | \$ 4,041,688 |
| State of Maine | 1,954,235 | 1,902,198 |
| Corporation for Public Broadcasting | 1,569,155 | 1,504,736 |
| Contributions | 1,376,889 | 1,154,010 |
| Auction | 78,387 | 378,543 |
| Underwriting | 1,677,110 | 1,589,498 |
| Government grants | 475,482 | 657,412 |
| Interest on short-term investments | 2,751 | 4,362 |
| Amount allocated under spending formula | 235,500 | 140,000 |
| Other | 192,722 | 145,912 |
| In-kind | 50,975 | 34,855 |
| Total Operating Revenues and Support | 11,943,068 | 11,553,214 |
| Operating Expenses | | |
| Program service | | |
| Technical | 2,150,385 | 2,098,875 |
| Programming and production | 4,511,940 | 4,444,543 |
| Public information | 267,847 | 210,107 |
| | 6,930,172 | 6,753,525 |
| Development | 2,384,837 | 2,245,010 |
| Administration | 1,697,464 | 1,355,865 |
| Depreciation (excluding DTV conversion) | 680,531 | 602,888 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 11,693,004 | 10,957,288 |
| Changes in Net Assets from Operations | 250,064 | 595,926 |
| Non-Operating Activities | | |
| Contributions | 86,849 | 46,639 |
| Investment income (loss) | (17,138) | 758,521 |
| Amount allocated under spending formula | (235,500) | (140,000) |
| Loss on bad debts | (12,180) | (16,253) |
| Depreciation on DTV conversion | (440,722) | (485,474) |
| Change in Net Assets - Non-Operating | (618,691) | 163,433 |
| Change in Net Assets | (368,627) | 759,359 |
| Net Assets, Beginning of Year | 16,232,586 | 15,473,227 |
| Net Assets, End of Year | \$ 15,863,959 | \$ 16,232,586 |

MPBN's Digital Conversion was a one-time project that ended in FY2005. The project was funded by individual donations, federal grants and the State of Maine bond offerings. Expenses for DTV listed above are solely for Depreciation.

The above schedule is a summary of MPBN's Revenues and Expenses for FY2012, with a comparison to FY2011. For a full presentation of MPBN's Audited Financial Statements, in accordance with GAAP, please refer to our Website (http://www.mpbn.net) or contact Chief Financial Officer Clare E. Hannan (channan@mpbn.net).

The Maine Public Broadcasting Network is a non-profit, 501(c)3 charitable organization, registered in the State of Maine.



Thank You For Your Support

Through our radio, television, and web services, MPBN provides compelling programming, ideas, and information to a diverse public. Hundreds of thousands of people find value in MPBN's services and programs every day and many of these listeners and viewers have contributed and make up the largest source of revenue for the organization.

Our membership was 44,921 strong at the end of Fiscal Year 2012 and, as you see in the Operating Revenue chart, membership support is the most important source of income for MPBN. Ninetynine percent of MPBN members support their

favorite programs – on radio, television and online – through gifts of \$1 to \$1,000. Every donor and every dollar is crucial to MPBN's success and we are humbled by the response from our listeners and viewers – we couldn't do what we do without you!

The Maine Public Broadcasting Network is very thankful and appreciative of your support!

Jennifer Foley, Vice President of Development and the Development Team at MPBN

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Awards

This past year witnessed the Maine Public Broadcasting Network being put squarely in the spotlight through some exceptional work by MPBN staff.

The 2012 Autism Society National Awards Committee selected MPBN producer **Daniel Lambert** (pictured) to receive the 2012 Autism Society Media Excellence in



Video, Print or News Award for the film *Making Our Way: Autism*. Rather than focus on the limitations that autism places on those who suffer from it, the program examines the broad spectrum of their experiences and looks at how many diagnosed with it are finding ways to lead successful lives.

The Maine Association of Broadcasters announced the recipients of the 2012 MAB News and Creative Awards at the MAB convention in Bangor honoring the best of Maine broadcasting. The Maine Public Broadcasting Network received five awards across a broad range of specialties in the competition's Radio Category.

In the Public Affairs Category, MPBN was recognized twice. **Susan Sharon** was awarded First Place for her documentary on the proposed Maine Woods National Park, and **Jay Field** received Second Place for his four-part series on the prescription drug monitoring program.

In the Sports Feature/Sports Program Category, **Chris Sweet** received First Place for his feature on winter biking in Maine. **Irwin Gratz** was awarded Second Place in the Best Newscast Category for his work as host of MPBN's **Morning Edition**, and under the Continuing Coverage Category, **A. Jay Higgins** won Third Place for his reporting on developments within Maine State Housing.



Our Volunteers

Volunteers play a critical role at MPBN, and the dedication and time put in by individuals is felt across nearly every department and at every MPBN facility. In this past fiscal year, volunteers provided over 2,000 hours of time valued at the industry standard of over \$36,000 in support. These volunteers assisted with a number of critical tasks including

on-air radio programming,

television production, radio and television pledge drives, and administration and clerical duties. To each and every volunteer, please accept a heartfelt *Thank You!* from everyone at MPBN.

Every day, the Maine Public Broadcasting Network connects the people of Maine to each other, to the world, and the world to Maine through the open exchange of information, ideas and cultural content. As Maine's premier, independent public media resource, we create exceptional opportunities for the communities we serve to engage with critical issues, compelling stories and quality entertainment.



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