

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting

September 13, 2017

5:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2017 Meeting

2. Chair's Comments – Darcy Carroll

Welcome new member Lisa Manzone.

3. Guest Speaker – Tom Hall, Host of *Midday*

Tom, *Midday* host since September 2016, reviewed the steps taken to produce the *Midday* program beginning with selection of topics, locating and confirming guests, reading, preparation and script writing, broadcasting, archiving, and posting to web site.

4. The Strategic Plan going forward – Peter Toran, Chair, Strategic Planning Committee

Toran suggested establishing an annual review of the plan to gauge progress and ongoing relevance of priorities, making adjustments where needed.

5. President's Report – Tony Brandon

Tony read a letter from the general manager of Houston Public Media thanking NPR stations around the country for their support during the hurricane. WYPR's staff has also gone to extraordinary measures to do the work of the station: Nathan Sterner running 4 miles through 30 foot snow to go on the air and Matt Tacka sleeping at the station for four nights during another snow storm. Reporting staff also went into harm's way to report on uprisings in 2015.

There has been uncertainty about funding from the Corp for Public Broadcasting for the upcoming fiscal year when the current presidential administration offered a budget with no public media funding. Recent House committees have voted to restore the funding with the exception of \$75 million which would be for "connectivity" – linking stations in the system.

6. Program Changes – Andy Bienstock, VP of Programming

NPR is adding shows for stations to purchase. *Car Talk* is still one of the best performing shows on WYPR, but "best of" versions are being discontinued. Original episodes will be heard on WYPR on Monday nights along with original *A Prairie Home Companion* with Garrison Keillor episodes. The new weekend schedule is below.

Saturday

- 10: Wait Wait Don't Tell Me
- 11: Ask Me Another
- 12: This American Life
- 1: RadioLab
- 2: TED Radio Hour
- 3: The Hidden Brain
- 4: Dinner Party Download
- 5: All Things Considered

Sunday

- 10: A Prairie Home Companion w/ Chris Thile
- 12: Foreman and Wolf on Food and Wine
- 1: The Splendid Table
- 2: Wait Wait Don't Tell Me
- 3: It's Been a Minute with Sam Sanders
- 4: Bullseye with Jesse Thorn
- 5: All Things Considered

7. Governance Committee – Cynthia Berman, co-chair

Six CAB members were nominated

All nominated CAB members were approved.

8. Audit Committee – Albert Williams, Chair

The audit will be presented to the Board at the November 15 Board Meeting.

Executive Session

A portion of this meeting was closed to the public to permit discussion of matters relating to individual employees, proprietary information, confidential advice of counsel, or commercial or financial information obtained on a confidential basis.