

**AGENDA**  
**WORT Board of Directors**  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
April 17th, 2019 | 7:00 PM  
Vinyl Library, Madison

Directors: David Devereaux-Weber (President), Stuart Levitan (Vice-President), Chali Pittman (Secretary), Martin Kehrein (Treasurer), Jerry Chernow, Doug Holtz (Staff Representative), Katherine Hoveland, Kurt Kobelt, Paul Novak, Eric Finch, Gilman Halsted

1. Call meeting to order
2. Adopt agenda
3. Approval/modifications of [March 2019 minutes](#)
4. Communications from the public
5. New business:
  - ❖ Recent legal bill
6. Committee and staff reports (received/not received)
  - ❖ Board: Finance ([received](#))
  - ❖ Board: Programming ([received](#))
    - i. **Board action requested:** recommends approval of programming change, for a new show to air in place of Letters and Politics on Mondays beginning in September: Madison BookBeat with Stu Levitan. “A weekly hour-long programing featuring in-depth interviews with local authors, authors published by local presses, etc.”
    - ii. Discussed criteria for Annual Renewal for Hosts Subcommittee. The Annual Renewal will begin in spring 2020 with approval of all renewal requests at the Annual Meeting in June.
    - iii. Kurt is now the Secretary for the Committee. Per Sybil’s report, application received for Programming Committee Music Representative.
  - ❖ Board: Policies and Bylaws Cmte (proposed document [here](#))
    - i. Staff has asked us to hold off on making changes to the background check policy until staff has had more experience with the current policy and what might need fine-tuning.

- ii. PBC underwent a line-by-line analysis of bylaws suggested changes, and you can read the [updates](#) here. They are in red.
  - 1. There is an open question over what to do about annual meeting quorum. The way it's written doesn't make sense, and we are undecided on what to rewrite it as.

❖ Board: Elections Committee (not received)

- i. Reminder: three seats are up for election at the June 30th annual meeting from 2-5 pm. Two participating member seats, and one listener-sponsor seat.
- ii. Glenn has made sure the online article and application are posted online, hung around the station, and otherwise circulated. He has met with Tom Christie and Thom Jones to setup the Volunteer Database to establish the annual meeting voter list.

❖ Board: Personnel Committee (not received)

- i. Has met over a staff issue.
- ii. Six-month reviews for the newest hires are tentatively set (subject to change once we notify them!). Suzanne G is scheduled for Monday, May 14th at 6pm. Thom Jones is scheduled for September 17th, 2019 at 6pm.

❖ Board: Engineering Committee (email from Dave)

- i. From IT Director report, see notes about transmitter and revamping middle studio.

❖ Community Advisory Board ([received](#))

- i. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21st, 5:30 pm at the station.

❖ Staff: Technology and Facilities Director ([received](#))

- i. No board action requested, but a wonderful roundup of solutions to various issues plaguing technology and facilities for a long time. To quote Thom: *"The first several weeks at WORT have been an interesting whirlwind. Fraught with danger, drama, tears, laughter, excitement and a sense of wonder, I remain."*

❖ Staff: Business and Events ([received](#))

- i. **Board action requested:** help sell raffle tickets; see Doug for sales packs. Read for an update on contracts and upcoming events.
  - ii. Also note that the Station Activities Survey for CPB is completed and approved, and the financial report is due May 31st.
  
- ❖ Staff: Listener-Sponsor Development ([received](#))
  - i. No board action requested, but section on adding recording capabilities to center studio merits discussion. Also read up for updates on how the Winter pledge drive went, Back to the Country Premium, and more. Note that “spring” pledge drive is Monday, June 3rd to Sunday, June 9th.
  
- ❖ Staff: Music Director ([received](#))
  - i. No board action requested. Read up for updates on music programming changes and other items.
  
- ❖ Staff: Music Ass ([received](#))
  - i. No board action requested. Events and promos are humming along.
  
- ❖ Staff: News, Talk, Public Affairs ([received](#))
  - i. **Board action requested** to schedule Thom Jones’ 6-month review. Personnel Committee has tentatively set a date and time for this already, so no action is needed.
  - ii. Read up for awards won, incoming and outgoing reporters, news/talk openings, and more!
  
- ❖ Staff: Volunteer Outreach ([received](#))
  - i. No board action requested. Note that Glenn has met with Thom for a comprehensive handoff regarding facilities projects and supervision of Lois, the custodian. He is also at work on the Annual Meeting Elections (see Elections Committee report).

7. Closed session for volunteer issue

8. Adjourn