

**WMHT Educational Telecommunications
 WMHT Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
 May 22, 2014**

A Meeting of the WMHT Board of Trustees was held on May 22, 2014 at WMHT, Troy, New York. Richard Taylor of the Board of Trustees, presided.

Present

Richard Taylor	Caroline Mason
Jane Altes	William Picotte
Robert Altman	Paul Powers
Prentiss Carnell	Joseph Raggio
James Hoehn, MD	Carl Shuster
John Katz	Sarah Slingerland
Patrick Kehoe	Dustin Swanger
Bonnie McGuire Jones	Maggie Vinciguerra
H. Graham Jones	

Excused

Karthik Bala	Karen Hitchcock
Eileen Bagnoli	Scott Rajeski
Robert Bullock	Shelby Schneider
Carolyn Callner	Theresa Skaine
Leonard Gaines	Jan Smith
David Haviland	Eugene Zeltmann

Also Attending

WMHT Staff: Sandra Beer, Val Belden, Katherine Jetter, Julie Raskin, Scott Sauer, Chris Wienk,

Call to Order

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Consent Agenda Items

On a motion by Ms. Mason seconded by Ms. Vinciguerra the consent agenda of minutes and notes listed below were unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

Minutes and Notes:

- March 20, 2014 Board Meeting
- March 25, 2014 Strategic Planning Meeting
- March 28, 2014 Audit Committee Meeting
- April 30, 2014 Investment Committee Meeting
- May 1, 2014 Development Committee Meeting
- May 2, 2014 Audit Committee Meeting
- May 6, 2014 Strategic Planning Meeting
- May 8, 2014 Finance Committee Meeting
- May 19, 2014 Audit Committee Meeting
- May 20, 2014 Community Advisory Board Meeting

**Finance
Committee Report**

The finances continue in the same satisfactory manner as has been the case in our previous reports. Program underwriting has picked up very well in the past few months. Production underwriting is strengthening after a slow start. We anticipate ending the year with a positive result in the operating budget before depreciation and non-operating cash adjustments.

Investment Sub-Committee: The committee sent out an RFP to 7 candidates, interviewed three of these firms and now recommends Hugh Johnson Advisors as our new investment firm.

On a motion by Mr. Jones seconded by Dr. Hoehn, the board unanimously approved the appointment of Hugh Johnson Advisors as the new investment advisors as of June 2014.

**Audit Committee
Report**

Mr. Kehoe reported on the process taken to seek bids for new auditors. Four firms submitted RFPs, and then two new firms were interviewed.

On a motion by Mr. Kehoe seconded by Mr. Picotte, the board unanimously approved the appointment of Bonadio & Co. as the new auditors for a three year term as of July1, 2014.

**Election of
Community
Advisory Board
Members**

Ms. Mason introduced a slate of nominations to serve on the Community Advisory Board

On Motion by Ms. Mason, duly seconded by Ms. Slingerland, the following individuals were unanimously elected to the WMHT's Community Advisory Board:

Paul Fahey (chair)	Richard Beach
Fran Beaudoin	Cliff Bird
Kenneth Braswell	Nancy Chiarella
Kathy Cloutier	S. Neal Currie Jr
Dorinda Davis	John T. DeCelle
Jillian DeGregorio	Karen Dolge
Dr. Mark Fruiterman	Paul Harding
Mr. Steve Janack	Allen Kovler
Aileen Leventon	Clif Mark
David M. Rooney	Ellen Sinopoli
Elmer Streeter	Terry Tyson
Mary Beth Wenger	Thomas Witz
Kathryn Zox	

President's Report

Mr. Altman reported that he and several staff attended the PBS Annual Meeting last week. The upcoming PBS programming looks outstanding. Primetime ratings are uniformly good. There is a challenge to the children's programming ratings by both Disney and Nickelodeon. There are issues related to our broadcast spectrum as the FCC reclaims some space to sell to wireless providers. It is unlikely that this will affect the Albany market except for the possible, and inconvenient, move of our channel position.

WMHT has received unofficial notice that the station is receiving a substantial Ready to Learn multi-year grant which speaks to the strong work by the Education department over many years.

Mr. Altman noted the premiere of the Steinmetz documentary. He then shared clips of the new weekly arts series *AHA!*, and a new web-based video series, Planet Hero. The Albany Academies documentary is premiering soon as will the sixth season of TVFilm. We will be turning to crowdsourcing for the first time to help fund a documentary on the LGBT community in Albany.

On the Development front, Ken Burns has lent his voice to supporting legacy giving. We will be hosting a donor luncheon on June 18th. Paula Kerger, President of PBS will be coming to town on October 23-24th.

Chair's Report

Mr. Taylor thanked the finance, investment and audit committees for their work. He also referenced an article that he had shared by email with Board about the rewarding experience of fundraising.

Executive Session
Adjournment

The Board met in executive session beginning at 5:15 and adjourned at 5:40 pm. No action was taken.