

**WMHT Educational Telecommunications
WMHT Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes
Board Retreat
Sept 17, 2009**

A Meeting of the WMHT Board of Trustees was held on September 17, 2009 at 9:00 AM at WMHT, Troy, New York. Joseph Richardson, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, presided.

Present

Joseph Richardson, presiding	Karen Hitchcock
Robert Altman	Paul Powers
Karthik Bala	Raona Roy
Prentiss Carnell	Carl Shuster
Howard Carpenter	Richard Taylor
Lauretta Chrys	Eugene Zeltmann
James Hoehn M.D.	
Doris Fischer Malesardi	

Excused

**Carole Biegen
Robert Blackman
Gretchel Hathaway
John Harrington
Karen Schimke
Kathleen M. Jimino
Denise Murphy McGraw
Edward Neff
Sarah Slingerland
Patrick Kehoe
Pieter VanDerzee**

Also Attending

WMHT Staff: Sandra Beer, Val Flouton, Paul Hoagland, Katherine Jetter, Michael Keefe-Feldman, Julie Raskin, Scott Sauer, Barry Stoner, Anthony Tassarotti, Chris Wienk.

Call to Order

Mr. Richardson called the meeting to order at 9:13 AM and thanked the committees for all their hard work.

***Consent Agenda
Items***

On motion by Ms. Roy, duly seconded by Ms. Chrys, the consent agenda items (listed below) were unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

June 18, 2009 Board Meeting
July 1, 2009 Governance Committee Meeting
June 24, 2009 Audit Committee
September 10, 2009 Finance Committee Meeting
September 10, 2009 Development Committee Meeting
September 15, 2009 Governance Committee Meeting
Reports:
Education Committee
Investment Committee
Strategic Planning Committee

***Governance
Committee Report***

Mr. Carpenter presented the names of individuals proposed for election to the Audit Committee:

Richard Taylor

Raona Roy

On Motion by Mr. Carpenter, duly seconded by Dr. Hoehn, the aforementioned individuals were elected to the Audit Committee.

Presidents Report

Mr. Altman reported on some new grants WMHT has received from the Corporation of Public Broadcasting:

- WMHT's Education Department will coordinate with NYS Department of Education along with other stations' education departments for a state-wide Ready to Learn program with a formalized assessment component.
- WMHT received a grant for the Help Wanted project. This program is to help people get through this recession. There will be a weekly half hour TV and radio show with a robust web presence.
- WMHT also received a grant for FM transmitter equipment. This is a matching grant, and it will enable WMHT to upgrade to a digital transmitter.

Mr. Altman discussed the new partnership with the Times Union to help in the production of *New York Now*. The collaboration will give WMHT and its viewers access to TU reporters and enable greatly enhanced reporting at no additional expense.

Get off Your Knees; The John Robinson Story has had a tremendous response and is being broadcast by stations around the country. It's a real tribute to the

work of Dan Swinton and team.

The Nation Parks: America's Best Idea, Ken Burns' new program premieres on September 27th . WMHT is hosting a preview event on the 23rd of September. The interstitial programs produced by WMHT will be shown as well as the live feed of the event taking place in Central Park that night. The Board is invited and encouraged to attend. The event will begin at 7:30pm.

Mr. Richardson reported he meets with Mr. Altman every two weeks. Mr. Altman has signed a 2-year contract to continue as President and CEO.

Chairs Report

Mr. Richardson reported that a new sub-committee has been formed with John Robinson and the Corporate Support Team to assist in marketing WMHT's facilities. There will be a meeting held on September 29th at 8:45 am.

The Investment committee will utilize an RFP process for a new portfolio manager. The current portfolio manager will also be included in this process. Any board member that might have some suggestions for portfolio managers should communicate that information to Ms. Chrys.

Mr. Richardson thanked WMHT staff for working to keep the enterprise moving forward.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM. The next full Board meeting will be the Annual Meeting on November 19, 2009.

