

**WMHT Educational Telecommunications
 WMHT Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
 January 16, 2014**

A Meeting of the WMHT Board of Trustees was held on January 16, 2014 at WMHT, Troy, New York. Richard Taylor of the Board of Trustees, presided.

Present

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| Richard Taylor | William Picotte |
| Robert Altman | Paul Powers |
| Carolyn Callner | Joseph Raggio |
| Prentiss Carnell | Shelby Schneider |
| Karen Hitchcock | Carl Shuster |
| James Hoehn, MD | Sarah Slingerland |
| Patrick Kehoe | Maggie Vinciguerra |
| H. Graham Jones | Eugene Zeltmann |
| Caroline Mason | |

Excused

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| Jane Altes | John Katz |
| Karthik Bala | Bonnie McGuire Jones |
| Eileen Bagnoli | Scott Rajeski |
| Robert Bullock | Theresa Skaine |
| David Haviland | Jan Smith |
| Leonard Gaines | Dustin Swanger |

Also Attending

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

Call to Order

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

***Consent Agenda
 Items***

On a motion by Mr. Shuster seconded by Dr. Hoehn the consent agenda of minutes and notes listed below were unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

Minutes and Notes

- November 21, 2013 Board Meeting
- January 6, 2014 Governance Committee Meeting
- January 7, 2014 Development Committee Meeting
- January 8, 2014 Finance Committee Meeting
- January 14, 2014 Strategic Planning Meeting

***Finance
 Committee Report***

Mr. Jones briefly reviewed the end of Dec financials which have improved since the last meeting. WMHT had a very strong December in membership, including an increase in Sustaining Partner donations. Production income is still lagging a bit. There is moderate optimism for the second half of the year and we anticipate ending the year with a slight positive cash position in the operating budget.

***Governance
Committee Report***

Ms. Mason reported the nomination from the Governance committee for the Executive and Audit Committees.

On Motion by Mr. Taylor, duly seconded by Mr. Carnell, Mr. Swanger was elected to serve as an additional member of the Executive Committee

On Motion by Dr. Hoehn, duly seconded by Mr. Raggio, the following individuals were unanimously elected to serve on the Audit Committee.

- Leonard Gaines
- Sarah Slingerland
- William Picotte
- Patrick Kehoe
- Eileen Bagnoli
- Theresa Skaine

***Development
Committee Report***

Mr. Powers reported that we are at 55% of the goal for the Capital Initiatives and have about \$1.5 million to raise in cash for the Signal and Venture funds and \$1.5 million for the Endowment. .

President's Report

Mr. Altman reported that *Downton Abbey's* fourth season premiere was phenomenal and *Sherlock* is starting this Sunday. Locally we will do a television broadcast of the Five Browns playing at Skidmore, Sue Norton has started as the VP of Production. We recently completed 12 pieces for New York Path through History and have more projects underway. The latest *Healthlink* series will air in early February, and on March 26th we will launch *AHA!*, a half-hour, weekly arts show. We will be airing a new documentary about Charles Steinmetz in early May, preceded by some public screenings in Schenectady. We are also producing a special *American Graduate* program in early February. We also launched a new food website: wmht.org/food.

President's Report

Mr. Taylor introduced the following resolution. On Motion by Mr. Shuster, duly seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution upon the Death of Howard G. Carpenter, Jr. by the Board of Trustees of WMHT Educational Telecommunications.

Howard Carpenter was a longtime friend of WMHT and served as a valued member of its Board of Trustees from 2005-2010. His counsel was always wise and caring, based in his deep knowledge of the law and leavened with common sense and common decency, both of which Howard had in abundance.

He shared with us his love of classical music and his continuing belief in the role that WMHT could play in making our community a better place to live and work. WMHT is much the stronger because of his distinguished service.

Many other institutions in our community benefitted from Howard's exemplary life of service and his devotion to country, community, faith and family over many decades.

Be it therefore resolved that the Trustees of WMHT Educational Telecommunications express their great sadness and sense of loss upon the death of their friend and colleague and extend their condolences to his wife Diana and his entire family.

Chair's Report

Mr. Taylor spoke to the importance of transparency and collective wisdom of the board and expressed confidence in and gratitude for the valued service of everyone on the board.

Mr. Taylor highlighted the importance of the Capital Initiatives and the need to press forward to get the next \$3 million, which will not be easy. He spoke to the need for the Board to reach out to those we know who also value WMHT and want to help preserve the station and its mission.

Executive Session

The Board met in executive session beginning at 5:15 and adjourned at 5:30 pm. No action was taken in the Executive Session

Adjournment