

Minutes of WOMR/WFMR Program Committee Meeting October 16, 2024

Attendees: John Braden (staff), Carol Courneen, Matty Dunn (staff), Andy Falconio, Michael Fee, Melinda Krasting, Denya LeVine, Mary Lyttle, Andy Rahorcsak, Georgene Riedl, Fran Sullivan, Ira Wood

Regrets: Bud Pyatak

Minutes: Andy Rahorcsak

Meeting called to order at 4:03 pm

September Minutes were reviewed. Melinda motioned to approve, Carol seconded, approved unanimously.

Programmer Updates

- Bob Weiser returned on 10/14 9:30am-12:30pm (weekly)
- Jacob Greenberg returned on 10/10 9pm-midnight (bi-weekly)
- Sean Gardner (DJ Potato Salad) returned on 10/10 8-9pm (weekly)
- J Hagenbuckle to take Q1 '25 leave
- Gary Williams returns to biweekly Wednesdays 1-4pm on 10/30
- Skip Wallace set for his 1st regular show on 10/20 9pm-midnight
- Rich Willecke's last show of the season was this afternoon (10/16)
- The Rev John Nelson is retiring and his final broadcast is tonight (10/16)

Program Proposals

- Jeremy Ain and Rob Visconti submitted proposals for The Rev's vacated slot on 3rd and 5th Wednesdays 5-8 pm. Committee consensus to table discussion slot until next month.
- Desi Rodriguez submitted a proposal for a permanent slot every other Tuesday 9 pm-midnight vacating her previously awarded slot alternate Mondays 9-11pm. Carol motioned, Andy F. seconded, awarding Desi the permanent move to Tuesdays. Also included in the motion was retaining the "programmer lab" concept for new djs during the now open alternate Mondays 9 pm-11 pm and alternate Tuesdays 9 pm-midnight. Motion was approved unanimously.
- Brewster Brownville (DJ Malcontent) submitted a proposal to fill the once-monthly third Wednesdays 9pm-midnight opening. After discussion, Andy R. motioned, Carol seconded, awarding the slot to Brewster. Approved unanimously.
- Dan Rosenberg submitted a proposal for his syndicated International Café. Committee discussed possibility of placement on the program schedule in the Ukraine spot on Friday morning. Discussion veered into locally produced versus syndicated and a resolution was tabled for the time being.

Program Reviews

Committee discussed several draft review letters that included recommendations for improvement. Individual letters were discussed and points to include and/or modify were shared with Matty to distill into the final letters. and approved some for dissemination. Committee group-discussed issues related to a few specific programmers and feedback was submitted. New additions to be reviewed include three recently re-assigned programmers.

Talking Back Segment

Staff shared with the Committee feedback received from a concerned listener about the perceived bias of the host and interviewee regarding the subject of wind farms. Discussion centered around protections for free speech versus causing consternation for our listeners.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:29 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 11/20 at 4 pm via zoom only.