

KVNF Annual Meeting 2005

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KVNF Building
Paonia, CO

Board members present: Brian Cambria, Felix Belmont, Mike Chamness, A. Paul Douglas, Paul Gibb, Dennis Grunkemeyer, Cynthia Hines, Norma Philipps, Adam Silverstein, Wayne Wiitanen

A quorum being present, Board President Adam Silverstein called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm.

Silverstein introduced the members of the Board to the members. He then outline accomplishments for FY 2004:

- Capital Campaign raised \$110,000
- The “new” building was purchased
- An architect was selected and a design charrette was held
- The mortgage for the existing building was burned ceremonially
- A PTFP grant for new equipment was obtained

and for FY 2005:

- Station operated in the black for fourth consecutive year
- Philip Hassinger, CFO, is to be credited for the continuing financial health of the station
- Capital Campaign raised \$138,000 in FY 2005
- Contributions of project architect Tom Lindblom were recognized
- The Fall pledge drive pledges averaged \$123 compared with \$69 from Fall 2004
- Construction documents were prepared for the new facility
- The various “subsystems” that comprise the new facility were outlined
- KVNF expects to be the first LEED certified radio station in the USA
- Much research and planning has gone into the new facility
- Demolition has been completed and a new roof and floor are in place
- The new studio layout has been taped on the floor for demonstration purposes
- Progress has been made in improving the station's information technology and database infrastructure
- The Board's policy manual and the DJ manual were updated
- The Board created a programming policy
- The KVNF.org website has been rebuilt
- Personnel changes: Christie Young as Development Director, Sally Kane as General Manager, Philip Hassinger as Chief Financial Officer
- New Digital technology will be installed, purchased through the PTFP grant:
 - Content depot – local program storage, downloading ability
 - Digital boards
 - Microwave link from studio to transmitter on Wakefield mesa
 - Regional digitally-tuned translator upgrades
 - Moving into the digital age!

It is expected that the studios will be on the air by March 31, 2006, and the offices will be ready before the next Annual Meeting.

Young, in her development report, had high praise for KVNF as a vital organism, and thanked the Development Committee for its energetic work. The Capital Campaign is being phenomenally successful and the Fall Pledge drive success has added a great deal of momentum to the effort. Underwriting is robust. Special event are planned so that KVNF will become a presence in outlying communities. A

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calendar of events is being developed that will support an overlay of marketing and outreach activities.

Hines reported on the goals of the Outreach Committee: one goal is to increase access to KVNF outside of the North Fork. Networking with other organizations sharing the same basic philosophy as that of KVNF will be established. Todd Hines has stepped forward to re-energize the Community Advisory Board (CAB). He has managed to get representatives from all of the communities that we serve: Nucla, Ridgway, Ouray, Lake City, Montrose, Olathe, Delta, Cedaredge and Paonia. The CAB has met twice and promises to be a positive force for KVNF.

Gibb presented the Treasurer's report. The balance sheet is transparent: there are no surprises. Core operations are strong. We have a good blend of revenue streams that augurs well for the future.

Kane presented the General Manager's report. She acknowledged the strengths represented by volunteers, members, and staff. KVNF is a community forum of the people, for the people, and by the people. Radio is in the midst of significant technology changes and KVNF will be at the leading edge. KVNF has more listeners now than ever before, covers 6 counties and 10,000 square miles. The station recognizes that it has an increasing responsibility to its listeners and members. KVNF is a station that is member owned, volunteer supported, and mission statement driven. KVNF is also developing a significant web presence. The goals of the administrative sector are solvency and good asset management; for programming no sweeping changes are envisioned; development will be working on outreach to listeners; and operations will be focused on the new digital technology and getting the new studios up and going.

Kane presented awards to volunteers acknowledging their contributions to the effectiveness of the station. A question and answer session brought up:

- Where did the old back bar go? -- to a turn-of-the-century saloon on the Western Slope
- Is the Grand Junction signal being improved? -- we hope to be able to improve it with the new translator and re-siting of the antenna, but it is not clear how much this will help.
- Will more money be needed before the building is completed? -- yes, and we expect to do this without going into debt
- What was the \$50,000 gift? -- from a single donor 3 days after the end of the Fall pledge drive
- What is the digital uplink? -- the connection between the studio and the Wakefield tower
- Why can KVNF now stream 24/7? -- NPR revised its rules to permit this
- What will become of the old equipment? -- some will be reused (remote studio?), the rest will be sold if possible

Cambria moved and Hines seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the 2004 Annual Meeting. Passed unanimously.

Silverstein introduced candidates for Board of Directors seats that become available this year. Candidates standing for election were current Board members Philipps, Silverstein, and Wiitanen.

Donna Littlefield moved and Felix Belmont seconded a motion that the candidates be elected by acclamation. Motion passed unanimously.

Silverstein closed the annual meeting at 6:23 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Wiitanen, Secretary