

**Network Knowledge  
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, May 10, 2017  
Blessing Hospital, Quincy, IL**

**PRESENT:** Jim Broemmer, Patrick Gerveler, Dr. Jerold Gruebel, Steve Hopper, Dr. Keith Lape, Diana Olinger, Susan Shoemaker; by telephone, Elwin Basquin, Theresa Faith Cummings.

**STAFF:** Ed Strong

Dr. Lape called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. and requested consideration of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee on March 8, 2017. Upon a motion and second (Cummings/Hopper) the minutes were unanimously approved.

Dr. Lape confirmed that Kathryn Ransom of Springfield has agreed to serve as a Board member, if nominated, for a three-year term and asked that the nomination be considered. Upon a motion and second (Cummings/Olinger) the nomination was unanimously approved.

Dr. Lape asked Dr. Gruebel to provide information on the FCC auction and related matters. Dr. Gruebel noted that Network Knowledge had received no offer for any of its bandwidth and therefore will not benefit from the FCC auction. Moreover, both WMEC and WSEC will need to be "repacked" as a result of the auction. He explained that the channel will change for both and the FCC has indicated it will bear the direct costs of those two changes. Mr. Hopper inquired about the timing of the compensation from the FCC. Dr. Gruebel responded that the FCC had informed stations that reimbursement for direct costs would be made in a timely manner, but that he was not convinced that would happen.

Dr. Gruebel noted the uncertainty of the Federal budget and public media but that the recent agreement by Congress appears to have provided level funding of CPB for next year although it is possible that public broadcasting will once again be targeted for zero funding in the FY2018 federal budget, beginning October 1, 2017. As for the state budget, there continues to be hope, but time is running out for action before the end of May.

Dr. Gruebel discussed the Henderson estate and the approximate \$300,000 that will be part of the Network Knowledge revenue for FY2017. He noted the importance of planned giving and the ongoing efforts to increase donors awareness and commitment to planned giving.

Mr. Gerveler provided the report from the Finance Committee, noting the comparisons between the current numbers and those from the same time last year, including the continuing reduction in the LOC with the Bank of Springfield and the escrow of much of the \$100,000 principal payment for Bank of America due in November, 2017.

Following a motion to approve the Financial Report (Shoemaker/Cummings) the report was unanimously approved.

The Executive Committee chose to enter a Closed Session by a motion and second (Hopper/Gerveler) and unanimous approval.

Upon a motion and second (Basquin/Cummings) and unanimous approval, the Executive Committee returned to an open session.

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Following a motion and second (Broemmer/Hopper) the Executive Committee unanimously approved the following motion:

“Following discussion of our strategic alternatives, and assessing the interest of others, Network Knowledge should continue deliberations exclusively with the chosen partner, assuming other elements of the plan remain intact.”

Dr. Gruebel informed the Committee about the Preview Party to be held in Hannibal on May 25, progress on *Winterfest 2017*, the *21<sup>st</sup> Annual WSEC Golf Scramble* on May 18, and the *Illinois Stories* Bus Tour out of Quincy on May 24. He also informed the Committee about the Illinois Innocence Project broadcast, the collaboration with WVIK regarding the EBS frequencies in the Quad Cities and an exploration of a relationship of Network Knowledge with BlueRoomStream and WGEM.

He reminded the Committee of the annual meeting of the Board at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at the studio in Chatham.

Upon a motion and second (Broemmer/Gerveler) and unanimous approval, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Faith Cummings  
Secretary

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