

Minutes for the SAPA TV Board of Directors Meeting November 8, 2018 at the HDEC Conference Room, River Valley Technical Center

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Jared Gunnell. Present were Mark Richardson, Bob Topolski, Jared Gunnell, John Arrison, Bryce Honeywell, Marita Johnson and Becky Tucker. Board members Mark Blanchard and Steve Sysco were absent.
2. Reorganization of the Board: President - John Arrison nominated Marita Johnson for president, and this was seconded by Bryce Honeywell. Vice President – John Arrison was nominated by Mark Richardson and this was seconded by Bob Topolski. Secretary – Becky Tucker was nominated by Bryce Honeywell and seconded by Bob Topolski. Treasurer – The incumbent Mark Blanchard not being present, there was discussion as to whether he is willing to be treasurer this year, as he is apparently not working for the hospital and may be out of town. Bob Topolski nominated Mark Blanchard for Treasurer and this was seconded by Bryce Honeywell. The board was elected as a whole by a voice vote.
3. There were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.
4. Public comments – Mark Richardson and Bob Topolski had questions about streaming. Jared needs/wants to have more underwriting from non profits who use SAPA services. Our Facebook presence has been successful.
5. The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and John Arrison moved to accept them. Bryce Honeywell seconded this motion and the minutes were accepted unanimously.
6. Director's Report (attached) was reviewed by Jared Gunnell. The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary party was well-attended. SAPA was present at the Apple Festival as well as the UU MayFest. Several new volunteers have been added. New equipment will make live programs possible on TV, computer and cell phones, as well as on Facebook and the internet. Jared wants to do some study on underwriting and sales. Jared gave a plug for a meeting on Vermont Access network, a statewide summit to be held on December 12 from 9 till 4 p.m., in Rutland, subject AMO access management.
7. The Financial Report (attached) was perused and discussed.
8. Committee Assignments – Financial Committee – Mark Richardson, Mark Blanchard, Marita Johnson; Policy Committee – John Arrison, Mark Richardson; Personnel – Becky Tucker, Marita Johnson, Bob Topolski, Mark Richardson; Facilities – Bryce Honeywell, John Arrison, and Mark Blanchard; Board Nomination Committee –

All; Negotiations with Comcast and Vtel- John Arrison, Mark Blanchard. It was noted by Marita Johnson that Personnel should meet in December.

9. FCC FNRPM/Comcast Update – Public Access funding could be challenged by the FCC policy changes. Jared will keep the board up to date on the happenings.

10. Christmas Bonus Discussion – It was moved by Mark Richardson to pay Kevin Paquette and Asah Kramer each \$500 bonus, and Jared Gunnell as well. This was seconded by John Arrison and voted in the affirmative.

11. Items named for inclusion at next board meeting on January 10, 2019 were Goals, any mission updates, more education of the public about what public access is, marketing of same, Jared's contract, and the FCC ACM issues with Comcast.

12. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. per motion by John Arrison and a second by Bryce Honeywell.