

WGDR Community Advisory Board Meeting
May 8th, 2008

ATTENDING: Wilmer Brandt, Joey Klein, Jude Sargent, Mac Lore, and Amy Hornblas

ABSENT: Joann Brooking

GUEST: Charles Rossell (Programmer)

AGENDA:

- Public Comment
- After midnight programming
- Signal Expansion
- Expanding CAB membership
- Current schedule openings

NEXT MEETING: July 10, 2008

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Charles Rossell: Looking for members of CAB to join the Programming Committee. The Programming Committee will probably meet during the day so that management, Peter Schumlin (President of Goddard College) and a Goddard staff representative can attend. Joey Klein may be interested, depending on the meeting schedule. Charles will speak with Programmers' Committee to find members who are interested in also serving on the Programming Committee, and then will come up with meeting date. (cc: the CAB meeting notes to Charles so he can send out information about the Programming Committee to us.)

Can the names for the committees be cleared up? Suggestions: Programmer's Council (instead of Policy Advisory Council), Community Council (instead of CAB), and Programming Committee.

AFTER MIDNIGHT PROGRAMMING:

Night-time programming could be a topic the Programming Committee can take on. Should it include music, or NPR programming (both encouraged by listener surveys), or something else altogether?

Jazz is missed (used to be on VPR). May find listeners interested in replacing this.

Don't want downloaded material to ever pre-empt live programmers; may need a policy to allow 9:30 to closing shift to stay on live as long as they want. This means the downloaded/pre-recorded programming past midnight couldn't be counted on.

PRI and Pacifica material could be played. Could look at the suggestions made in recent listener surveys.

SIGNAL EXPANSION:

Expansion to Wolcott approved- Yippee! Find new CAB members from these areas (connect with Buffalo Mountain Coop and other local sources, do a door-to-door to promote it).

EXPANDING CAB MEMBERSHIP:

CAB will recommend new members. (Worries were expressed that WGDR management should not be the only entity that could suggest new members.) New members will be elected on at the annual meeting. Terms will be decided well before the annual meeting, so that term expirations rotate.

Electing new officers: Annual meeting is not representational of the entire listening audience. Could the input from larger community be expanded by inviting listeners to vote by email? (Not everyone has email, either.) During fundraiser?

CURRENT SCHEDULE OPENINGS:

Some listeners are mourning folk music on Sunday AM. Can this go elsewhere in the calendar? CAB suggests not just public affairs in the morning; music would be a nice addition for weekday mornings. Friday morning would be nice for listening to folk, and an arts calendar could be incorporated. Could include area folk musicians. (Thanks Carl Etnier for local folk music, and Mary Gangemy's show this afternoon!)

Currently 3 slots available: Friday AM 8:30 – 10, Wednesday nights 9:30 – closing, Saturday night 9:30 – closing (alternating). Weekly commitments are preferable, as opposed to alternating shows. Can there be folk music on one of these openings? (Settlement School of Folk Music may be interested.) Could use one of the night-time slots for training new programmers.

Request still exists for a gardening show. (5 minute blurb from Joey Klein on someone else's show?) Could it be on Sundays from 8 -9? The last ½ hour? Callers have luck turning the conversation to gardening. Approach local horticulturists who might be interested in being programmers?

CAB members were polled individually about the recent schedule change (Friday AM programmers replaced Saturday AM show.) Could be better if CAB can discuss a programming change such as the last one together, rather than polled individually. Would appreciate more time to consider programming decisions like these; felt need to consider the question a little more before answering. If a question comes up between meetings, could CAB discuss them though email? Call a quick meeting? What are the public notice requirements for the CPB Grant?

Amy will bring open meeting regulations for us to look over at the next meeting.