

ILLINOIS VALLEY PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

Executive Committee Meeting

February 27, 2014

Minutes

Present: Chairman Joe Strupek, Dr. Cynthia Fischer, Jerry Kolb, Andrew Rand, Chet Tomczyk, Chuck Walker; staff – Margie Stieghorst, Karen Button (webex)

Absent: Wayne Baum, Jon Burklund

Chairman Strupek brought the meeting to order at 7:35 am noting the presence of a quorum.

Minutes of the January 30, 2014 Executive Committee meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Walker seconded by Dr. Fischer, and passed unanimously.

A brief report on the WILL/WTVP collaboration was given by Mr. Tomczyk. Dean Slater appointed three members from the University of Illinois to represent WILL on the Joint Executive Search Committee: Rich Johnson, Journalism Professor; Allan Penwell, retired banker and chair if WILL's Community Advisory Committee; and Danda Beard, WILL's Director of Development. They join WTVP's appointees: Jon Burklund, Andrew Rand and Jerry Kolb. The request by Dean Slater to the University to join with WTV P in identifying and hiring an executive search firm is tied up in the University's bureaucracy and must be approved by the Chancellor and others as the University does not normally retain search firms. Of the list of approved firms that they do have, only one is on the list recommended to the Executive Committee (Korn Ferry International). The Search Committee was urged to meet soon and get the process underway.

Karen Button presented the January 2014 financials. Cash is high as deposits for two upcoming WTVP Travels trips are yet to be fully invoiced by Eskin. Major giving is down due to the loss of a substantial gift from a local family. Satellite Services are increasing as planned, and the truck has minimal downtime this winter. Contract Services are down as ICC has not yet been billed for use of the studio by their production class.

In federal action, Congress finally passed a budget that removes the sequestration amount from the CPB budget. We will know in March how this will affect our grant. The federal budget maintains the two year forward funding for public broadcasting, and the appropriated amount remains at \$450 million. Ready to Learn funding was a hot topic of discussion in visits made to Congressional and Senate offices by Jon Burklund and Chet Tomczyk. We received favorable responses to a request that RTL funding remain intact and that public broadcasting remain eligible for funding rather than the funds being commingled with other education funds and sent to the States as block grants.

WTVP continues to pursue providing master control services for WQPT in the Quad Cities. We have replied to a RFP, and the bids are expected to be opened on March 3. The Committee authorized Mr. Tomczyk to secure funding from PNC to acquire necessary equipment and to build payback of any loan into the monthly fee assessed to WQPT.

A list of IVPTC Directors terms was shared with the Executive Committee. The Governance Committee chair by Mr. Rand was charged with selecting a slate of candidates and a slate of officers for the 2014-2015 year. The group then reiterated its intent to have a Board that was diverse in its makeup and representative of the coverage area we serve.

Dr. Fischer and Development Director Jennifer Davis asked that an Ad Hoc Development Committee be created. Following intense discussion and questioning, general agreement for such a committee was reached. Dr. Fischer was asked to present the case for such a committee at the March Board meeting. Sans volunteers, the Chairman will appoint members to the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Chet Tomczyk
President & CEO