

WSPR Monthly Board Meeting

May 5, 2022, 1:00 pm PT

Attending: Kerry Swanson, Tammy Terwelp, Jim Rondeau, Brenda Barnes

- There was discussion of the April 2022 SuperRegional Conference in Denver. There seemed to be agreement that the event included valuable sessions and was well attended. A visit to Rocky Mountain PBS/104.7The Drop/KUVO and inclusion of a segment remembering colleagues who have passed on were noted. WSPR participation in a hospitality gathering in the hotel was well received.
- The next SuperRegional is expected to take place in spring or fall 2023. This timing may lend itself to a WSPR membership gathering in fall 2022.
- The board discussed member interest in an in-person WSPR “fly in” October-November 2022, where the annual meeting would also be conducted. There seemed to be agreement that the SuperRegional was successful and colleagues may appreciate another opportunity to gather. Kerry indicated he would contact Maria O’Mara at KUER to continue discussions about planning an event in Salt Lake City.
- The WSPR Conversation series continues with two anticipated forums scheduled. Kerry will send invitations to membership.
 - Ideastream Chief Experience Officer Mike Shafarenko will join on May 12 to discuss the Public Media Workforce Collaborative
 - Tom Michael and Caryn Mathes will answer questions about the NPR Network Initiative. Tentatively scheduled Friday, May 20.
- Voting for NPR board members will begin July 5. WSPR will explore opportunities to participate in a forum for candidates.
- There was additional discussion of issues impacting stations, including recruiting and retention of talent, that may warrant additional conversation among members.
- The meeting was adjourned approximately 1:40pm PT