

WSPR Board Meeting Notes - May 4, 2023, 1:00 pm PT

Attending: Kerry Swanson, Tom Michael, Jim Rondeau, Kerry Bringhurst

Kerry Swanson reported on discussions regarding a Public Radio SuperRegional gathering in fall 2023. There remains a possibility that NPR may host an annual meeting in Washington, D.C. Regional organization leadership is awaiting more information to determine whether this is a viable option and hopes to know by the end of May. Members of WSPR participated in an April 18th discussion with regional leadership that indicated interest in holding a SuperRegional meeting in Philadelphia on September 18-19, prior to the Public Radio Program Directors conference, if Washington cannot be arranged. It is expected that WSPR's annual membership meeting and board election will be held during the SuperRegional gathering.

The group reviewed upcoming WSPR Conversation topics and hosts:

May 25 - Community and media collaborations, Kerry Bringhurst

June - Rural news, Tom Michael

July - The role of newsrooms in the preservation of democracy, Kerry Swanson

August - The future of public media fundraising

September - TBD

October - TBD

There was discussion of possible speakers, including NPR reporters. Another topic suggested was public media's relationship with social media platforms, such as Twitter.

Tom Michael discussed his involvement with a panel reviewing CPB's Community Service Grant program.

Hosting for the WSPR website will renew on May 26, 2023 at \$168 for the year. \$20 domain registration was charged to Tammy Terwelp on January 3, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm PT.