

WSPR Monthly Board Meeting

March 3, 2022, 2:00 pm MT

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

- Kerry will send another reminder that WSPR scholarships are available to assist stations wishing to attend the SuperRegional conference in Denver April 10-12. Two scholarships have already been awarded.
- There is time set aside at the SuperRegional conference for regional organizations to conduct membership meetings. WSPR is considering facilitating a membership roundtable to hear station concerns and identify possible WSPR action items. If this time is needed for additional conference sessions, WSPR may organize an informal lobby meet-up for members. Kerry will discuss options with conference organizers.
- There was discussion of the WSPR Conversation in February about recruiting and retention challenges. Brenda reflected that there were a number of topics explored, including collaborations, competitive compensation and housing assistance. It was agreed that a follow up on that topic would be welcome. Kerry will explore the availability of guest speakers. Tentative dates for the next WSPR Conversation are May 5th or 12th.
- Kerry will report back on discussion of potential collaboration between PRPD and GreaterPublic.
- There was discussion of planning for a WSPR fly-in for members in Fall 2022, possibly coinciding with the annual membership meeting in October or November. Expressions of interest from stations wishing to host the event will be solicited. There is a desire for an easily-reachable “hub” location. A previously-scheduled fly-in to Boise was canceled due to COVID. Tom is willing to explore Boise venues again if needed.
- Kerry will send a reminder to stations that have not paid WSPR membership dues for 2021-22.
- The next WSPR board meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2022 at 2:00pm MT/1:00pm PT.
- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45pm MT.