**WSPR Board Meeting**

**Western States Public Radio**

**October 5, 2017, via conference call**

In attendance: Neil Best, Tammy Terwelp, Tom Michael, Cary Boyce, Maria O’Mara

NOTE: This meeting was the first since the WSPR annual board meeting held in St. Paul, Minnesota (and via conference call) on September 28. At that meeting, the following slate of board officers was approved by board membership:

* President: Neil Best (term ends October 2019)
* Vice President: Tammy Terwelp (term ends October 2019)
* Secretary: Cary Boyce (term ends October 2018)
* Treasurer: Tom Michael (term ends October 2018)
* At Large: Maria O’Mara (term ends October 2019)

All eligible for additional terms. By-Laws allow for a maximum of three 2-year terms.

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1. Call to Order at 2:00 pm MT / 1:00 pm PT. There was general discussion of best practices surrounding a year-end fundraising appeal, with a recap of Fall Drives.
2. Debrief of Super Regional. Neil encouraged those officers who attended last week to respond to the Super Regional online assessment and to send any further response to him for consideration at the PROO meeting. Tom said less than half of current annual WSPR invoices have been paid and pledged to send a reminder email to any lapsed members. Neil indicated there are many new members, including stations in Montana and California. Tom indicated he appreciated the ongoing improvements of relations between NPR and member stations and most agreed that it was a stark change from 5-10 years ago, with some of that credited to NPR CEO Jarl Mohn, but also due to the growth and development of member stations. Neil discussed his appreciation of new efforts under Stephanie Witte of NPR Development.
3. New Business: At the next meeting, the group will follow-up with Tom Mara about KEXP Seattle hosting the next regional fly-in. The officers want to make these mini-conferences affordable and will sketch out station scholarship opportunities.
4. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm MT / 1:20 pm MT.