KBBI Board of Directors

1/15/2025, 5:30pm

KBBI Boardroom, Zoom, and On-Air

AGENDA

We provide news, information, and entertainment to foster community engagement.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Acknowledgement of Public Attendees
4. Approval of the Minutes from 12/18/2024 BOD Meeting
5. Director Election Results and Certification, Designation of Officers
6. Acknowledgement of Outgoing Board Members
7. Staff Reports
    a. General Manager's Report and Objectives Review
        i. News Report
        ii. Programming Report
        iii. Development Report
8. Board Reports
    a. Structure of Boards, Committees, and Workgroups
    b. Community Advisory Board Report
    c. Governance Committee
    d. Finance Committee
    e. Development Committee
    f. Invitation to Participate
9. Business
    a. Single Signer Resolution
    b. Meeting Schedule
10. Closing Comments
    a. Public Attendees
    b. Manager and Staff
    c. CAB Members
    d. Board Members

Next Meeting: 2/19/2025, 5:30pm, KBBI Boardroom, and Zoom

KBBI BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
JAN.15, 2025 5:30 p.m.

BOD current members present in person: Robert Purcell,, Cindy Bolognani, Mel Strydom, Wayne Aderhold, (left at 5:40) Andy Haas (left at 5:40)
On Zoom: Bill Wuestenfeld, Jack Cushing
Incoming board members present in person: Kyle Schneider, Mary Edminster,
Incoming board members present on Zoom: Jo Michalski, Angie Newby, Mike Brittain
CAB members present in person: Kathy Carssow CAB on Zoom: Paul Allen
Public in person: Christy Fry, Art Koeninger

5:30 Call to Order and Roll Call by outgoing President, Robert. Quorum is present.

Approval of agenda: Mel moved to approve, Jack 2nd no changes, agenda approved

Acknowledgement of Public Attendees: 2 in person, none on Zoom

Approval of Board Meeting minutes for 12/18/24: Cindy moved to approve, Mel 2nd

Election Results and Certification:

Josh Krohn, General Manager, election result, quorum of KBBI members Ballots received, and all 5 applicants have been elected to the Board: Kyle Schneider, Angie Newby, Jo Michalski, Mike Brittain, Mary Edminster.
Election results certified: 51 votes out of 468 of ballots sent out, so 10% quorum met
Motion to certify: Andy moved, Wayne 2nd, no objections,
Members withdrawing from the board at this time: Wayne, Robert and Andy
Gavel passed from Robert to Kyle
Nominations of officers:
Treasurer: Cindy nominated Mel, Robert 2nd, no objections, Mel accepts
Secretary: Mel nominates Cindy, Kyle 2nd, no objections, Cindy accepts
Vice President: Cindy nominates Bill, Kyle 2nd, no objections Bill accepts,
President: Mel nominates Kyle, Bill 2nd, no objection, Kyle accepts
Election of new board officers is now complete.

Acknowledgment of Outgoing board members: Cindy gave overview of Robert and Wayne's 9 years each serving as board members. Bill Wuestenfeld also acknowledged Andy.

General Manager's Report

Josh Krohn acknowledges KBBI's staff, each one by name and position. Thank you to all the dedicated staff members.
Month by month report: Over the last month, finished draft of annual audit, requirement for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting 12/31 filed extension to file, will file next

couple of weeks, Feb.13 next deadline, will make us eligible for 3rd section of the community service grant. Completes our federal funding for the year.
Jan.6 filed streaming music report with Sound Exchange/NPR. Pays royalties.
Jan.8 completed compliance training for station activities survey, filed programs with FCC, is a public file
Reviews of objectives with our strategic plan 2022: (due to start another one)
Set up an educational goal, now have a KPC internship, has a student starting next week
Capitol Improvement project completed at the end of July. Installed 25 Kilowatt solar array at the transmitter, this will bring cost of operation down, will save $6-7,000 annually. Raised $25,000 Rasmuson Foundation, $5,000 Homer Foundation, $27,000 membership compaign, $10,000 from Homer's 100 Women who care, Borrowed $40,000 from one of our investment accounts, which will be returned from IRS as a renewable energy credit.
Technical needs: replacement backup battery at transmitter, will cost about $22,000 has a grant in process, and quotes from local electricians and suppliers
Year in Review: Jan. Simon promoted to full time reporter, completed public fund raising for solar array, first annual Frostival, Michael Armstrong hired as a mentor for news dept.
March hired Ellie Stefano, Development Director
April: news staff Jamie and Simon attended AK Press Club, hosted a Soundscape class at Bunnell Arts
May: installed an Mnet receiver. Supplements emergency receiver. In the process of being redesignated as a Tier One Emergency Alert System Receiver. Will be able to broadcast out to other stations.
Started discussion with Seward Public Radio KIBH for funding 2025, ongoing conversation on contract
July: coordinated with SPH vocal /speech pathologist training sessions for on-air announcers.
Sept: received a grant $4300 from AK State Council on the Arts to continue Bunnell's Arts by Air
Nov.: work done on the boiler in the building, thanks to volunteer, Pinky
Recognized Scott Morton, recently passed away.
Jamie Deip, News Director report, with Simon Lopez. Jamie announces that she will be leaving KBBI soon. News reporting has expanded. Many accomplishments and improvements over the past year.
Programming Report: Matt off, Josh read his report. 30 hours a week for local DJ's. Acknowledged the passing of Maria Soto, and all the on air DJ's all the years of each of their programs.
Development Director Report: Ellie announced 2025 COTL Membership goal for FYI 2025 income. Spring drive in April. Talked about Underwriting goals.

Board Reports:

Robert described the structure of BOD, committees and work groups.

Governance Committee: Kyle recognizes Robert has spoken for this committee in his prior remarks

Finance Committee: Mel gave a run down of highlights, slightly in the black at end of year. Fully staffed at the station., solar array finished. Staff was able to go out for training.

Community Advisory Board: Kathy explains the need for the CAB to fulfill CPB requirements. Met 5 times over past year, 4 members from Homer, 3 from Seward. Has run an on-line listener survey. Is currently recruiting new members.

Development Committee: Bill gave report, this a new committee born out of the previous Events and Fundraising Committee. Works with GM and other staff. Goals are to increase listener support, public awareness and to reach a solid financial base, a broad base that is reliable, and future legacy.

Business conducted:
Single Signer Resolution, Mel moved to adopt, Cindy 2nd. No objections.

Meeting Schedule: next Development Feb. 3, 4:30, Finance Feb.10, 3:30 Governance Feb. 10, CAB Feb.13 1:00, BOD Feb. 19 5:30.

Closing Comments:
Manager and Staff: Josh thanks all the staff for all their hard work. Thanks to Robert and Wayne for their time on the board. Also, Andy for filling in an empty seat. Thanks to all the volunteers.
CAB members: Paul Allen glad to be a part of KBBI. Kathy talks about how running a radio station is way more complicated than it looks.
Public Attendees: Christy says KBBI is the best radio station in the world.
Outgoing board members: Robert moved here in 1979, the year KBBI came on the air. Can't imagine Homer without it. Has confidence in the new board.
New Members: Jo, thanks for the opportunity, strong supporter of public radio.
Board member, Bill echoes all the things said. Mike looking forward to more of Seward's participation.
Board Member, Jack thanks administration and volunteers, great programming, welcome new board members,
Angie says looking forward to being on the board, talked about the old KBBI studios.
Cindy says looking forward to the future with new board members.
Mary says KBBI is Homer,. Agrees with Cindy about not being able to find another radio station like KBBI in the lower 48.
Mel thanks Seward for coming into our KBBI family. Thanks for staff and volunteers.
Kyle also glad Seward on board. Acknowledged Robert, Wayne and Andy.

Adjourned: 6:29 p.m.